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-Bob Dylan

New social space enters final stage of construction

Uncertainties in facility usage guidelines linger, negotiations continue

By James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College's newest social space will open to the public on February 18 despite ongoing uncertainties about its eventual usage policies and procedures.

Director of Physical Plant Steve Bellona reported that the building is on schedule for a February 15th delivery to the college from the Watertown, NJ-based construction firm of Pette and Cring. Bellona's crew will then inspect the building for any deficiencies and make a "punch list" of items for the construction firm to remediate.

Even as completion draws near, exact usage plans for the building remain undecided. Cleverly called the "Beinecke Village Annex," it offers exciting new opportunities to support musical performances, plays, parties, and other functions that do not quite fit in existing campus venues. The 5,000-square foot main room has a retractable soundproof curtain that can part the main room into two rooms with a capacity for 250 people each. The full room allows for 550 people.

An impressive array of sound, light, and visual equipment, including two wall-installed subwoofers and a 16 ft. by 16 ft. movie screen, hint at the flexibly in accommodating a range of potential performance types. A portable stage will also compliment the room.

Irene Brogan-Leone, Director of Administrative Services, is working to coordinate appropriate furniture for the space and envisions the Annex as a comfortable meeting place when not used for entertainment purposes.

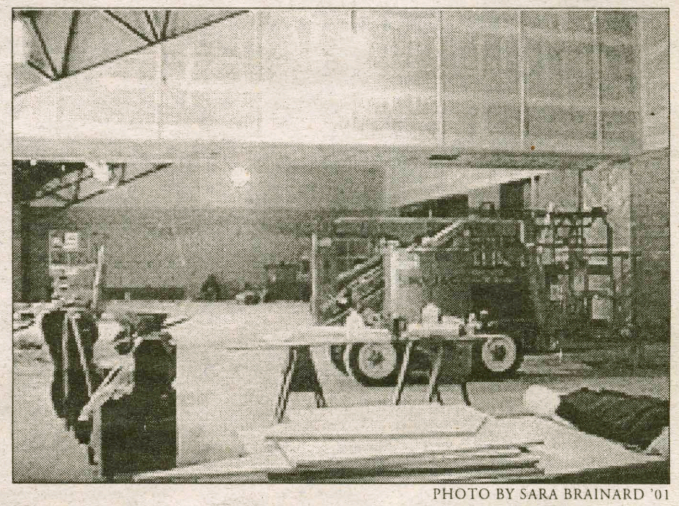
"The idea was to have one room set up as a temporary lounge area, café style," she said.

Brogan-Leone noted that the room would contain a 35-inch television, banquet tables, chairs, and other easily movable furniture.

The Committee on Social Programming, a representative student committee that oversees campus social spaces and helps establish usage guidelines reflecting student desires, has been working with Beverly Low, Director of Student Activities, to clarify the unknowns surrounding the Annex.

Senior member Sara Rizzo stressed the flexibility of the new space and the importance of student imput.

"We really do not know yet how it will be used, but right now it's open to anything students want since this is a student activities building," Rizzo said. " Some of the ideas so far include the possibility of two parties running simultaneously, student use during the day for studying, faculty use for lectures or lunches, admissions office functions, and guest speakers. Really, there is potential for any activity there."



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Construction continues at a frenzied pace as the February 15th deadline approaches.

As for creating usage guidelines, Rizzo predicts that "We will probably use the Bundy guidelines as a basis, our starting point in creating guidelines for the Annex."

Other students asked to comment on this important issue voiced some common desires, as well as some more individual ones.

Junior Dave Prior considers the Annex "a substantial space for entertainment events that currently have no good space, such as student productions that are too small for Wellin Hall but too big for Minor Theater."

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Faculty vote expected on curricular reform package

By Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

Part I

A faculty vote on Tuesday could potentially enact the biggest change in curriculum in over a decade. If approved, the curricular reform package currently under consideration would affect the class of 2005 and influence the character of education in the liberal arts at Hamilton.

Comprising the new curricular proposal are propositions for early (freshman and sophomore year) small courses, a sophomore seminar program, and an expanded Cultural Diversity requirement, revised to be the "Cultural Inquiry" requirement. As part of the new Cultural Inquiry development, every student would be required to complete at least one year of foreign language study. The overarching goal of these

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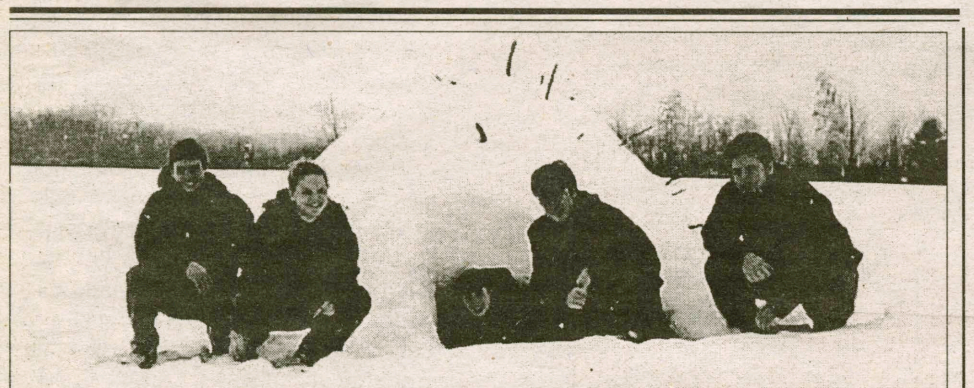

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Chris "Maha" Hardison, Erin Root, Doug Boulware, Andy Spong, and Dan Fillius show off the "other" new social space.

New WHCL back on the air

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Pumping the wattage into your cottage, Lauren Zanetti DJs *The Spin Cycle* Wednesday night on WHCL.

By Maurice Michaane '03
NEWS WRITER

After a long break, WHCL 88.7 is back on the air, in full force for the enjoyment and pleasure of the Hamilton community.

Under the direction of Keith Brown, General Manager; Greg Geist, Music Director; Lauren Zanetti, Program Director; and Dean Scherza, Assistant Music Director, the station has switched to an all-college radio format.

Instead of airing big corporate selections, WHCL will now have a program exclusive to the Hamilton Community. "We play music that can't be heard on the dial" remarked Brown, "it' all independent labels."

In the past WHCL ran big ticket names, but now its different. Small labels who could use the support of a college radio station will be broadcasted on WHCL. The new line music ranges from Indie Rock to techno trans and one of a kind live Hamilton sports broadcasting. WHCL covers the men's basketball team, men's and women's hockey and football.

Among all the new programming changes that WHCL has made, perhaps the most exciting and effective change they will make is broadcast of the radio show on real audio.

According to Greg Geist, WHCL will be able to reach parents, alumni, and friends all around the country. "We will go from a 30 mile range to the world aliens will be able to tune in through real audio." Real audio capability will be operational in about 2 weeks.

WHCL runs continuously from 8am to 3:30am, seven days a week. With 77 different shows, WHCL is the largest student organization on campus, according to Prorgram Director Zanetti. Over the years WHCL has tried to bring diverse musical groups to campus, such as *Thumper* in 1997 and *The Minders* in 1999.

The WHCL executive board has expressed greater interest in providing the Hamilton campus with more groups like those, but as Geist put it, "for some reason or another we just don't get the funds to bring more groups like *The Lady Bug Transistor*, *Of Montreal*, and *Essex Green* to Hamilton."

If you're looking for new and innovative programming, tune in to your one and only college radio station, WHCL 88.7.

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changes is an increased "intensity and rigor in the experience of students during their first two years at Hamilton," according to the motion on catalogue copy from the Committee on Academic Policy.

A process that has spanned nearly six years, the initiative for curricular reform began when President Tobin first assumed leadership of the college, upon departing his position as Dean of the Faculty. Then newly appointed Dean Bobby Fong was brought in with the expectation that he could initiate the curricular reform process. He moved quickly to set up subgroups to the Committee on Academic Policy on which faculty members could serve voluntarily, with the intent of eventually reporting back with recommendations for curricular change. Over 60% of faculty members participated in these subgroups, a number which current Committee on Academic Policy Chair Margaret Thickstun hails as "very impressive."

The CAP (Committee on Academic Policy) then took the recommendations from the faculty subgroups and drafted a proposal in the form of revised copy for the college catalogue. The most recent proposal under consideration, for small 100 and 200 level classes, sophomore seminars and the Cultural Inquiry requirement, has been in debate for over a year.

Two facets of the curricular reform initiative, early small classes and the sophomore seminar proposal, are specifically intended to enrich the experience of students during their first two years, prior to declaration of a concentration. If these changes are approved, faculty members will have the option of limiting enrollment to 20 seats for a class, at their discretion. The current academic policy does not allow for this limiting enrollment option, unless the class is writing intensive, or there are mitigating circumstances (such as limited studio space for art classes) that necessitate reduced enrollment.

The final details for the sophomore seminar proposal are still in the works. Currently, there are three working models for the seminar, as the faculty wants to maximize the choices and breadth of opportunities for sophomore students in choosing a seminar.

The first model would be a course taught by two professors, using the same syllabus, and both teaching the same subject material. Another model would involve a small group of faculty members, each taking turns individually lecturing to a larger group, with smaller group sections (much like the current format for American Society in the Sociology department) for discussion. The last model involves larger clusters on the same topic. Different departments would explore a common issue using their own field of expertise.

For example, if the seminar topic for that semester was environmental policy, students could elect to take this seminar from the economics department, the anthropology department, etc. There would be some common lectures, but all the seminar courses would explore a common topic from the perspective of independent subject areas.

The new Cultural Inquiry requirement would increase the number of courses students need to take in order to become better aware of the diversity of human cultures. As it currently stands, the Cultural Diversity requirement may be fulfilled by executing one of four options (including studying abroad or completing a course in a foreign language).

Under the new proposal, students would have to take at least one course in a second language, as well as at least one course to "develop understanding of assumptions about, and consequences of, difference along such lines as race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, and/or religious affiliation in the United States" and another course that would necessitate the development of an "understanding of non-Western intellectual, cultural and social traditions." Courses chosen to count towards the Cultural Inquiry requirement can also count toward distribution requirements.

The motion for curricular reform leaves intact the distribution requirements as they currently stand, including the Ethical issues component. The new package would also leave the Quantitative Literacy Requirement unchanged.

However, a motion under consideration to abolish all distribution requirements, including the ethical issues and cultural diversity components, would greatly alter the landscape of curriculum as it now stands.

The distribution requirement system was implemented in 1987, and has helped dictate the course of action taken by many underclassmen. If this new motion to end the era of distribution requirements is passed, incoming students would work in close consultation with their advisors to design their own course of study, absent of any ties to a system of requirements.

The abolishing of distribution requirements would strike all requirements as currently established in the catalogue. Under this newly revised system, a student would be obligated only to participate in the sophomore seminar, pursue a concentration, and complete a senior project within that concentration.

The question of whether the college has the resources to enact these changes is a precarious one. In keeping with the proposal for smaller classes, the CAP confirmed that classes with fewer enrollment (referred to as "proseminars") can be established without additional resources, namely, new faculty positions.

Although an estimated 6-8 new faculty members would be required to implement the sophomore seminar series, the college will actually get only 5 new members; their positions established expressly because of the seminar. Despite this discrepancy, Professor Thickstun assures that there are other faculty lines coming in through grants and other awards that will supplement the 5 new professorships, and ease the burden when smaller classes are formed.

The money for these 5 new positions comes solely from increased trustee donorship; the funds are not being reallocated from any other sources. Professor Thickstun noted that the trustees are "excited" by the curricular changes and have donated the funds necessary to execute the proposal.

Look for part two of this series on curricular change, including comments from student members of the CAP, as well as other faculty and administration.

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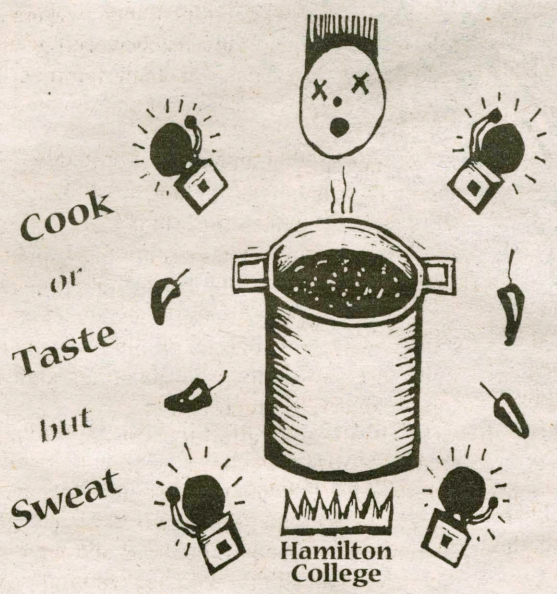

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Annex ammenities include TV, sound system, and portable stage

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Commenting on usage plans, sophomore Milagros "Millie" Ramirez said, "I would like to see it be accessible to performances and plays...we should make good use of it, not just for parties."

Showing the wit and wisdom of a senior, Calin Trenkov-Wermuth '00 added his observations.

"It's hard to say what I would like to see it used for without seeing the inside, but maybe European disco music parties, or perhaps fill it with bunk beds to help ease the housing crunch."

An exclusive pre-completion tour obtained by this reporter revealed a building with significant internal work remaining before completion. The main entrance, situated slightly behind the existing Beinecke Village and the Little Pub, leads into a large rectangular foyer that will connect with the Events Barn via a sliding door. To the left, a dimly lit hallway unfolds.

Restrooms, office space, and a small kitchenette branch off from the hallway on the left, while two separate double doors on the right open into the main room. This room is larger than the Bundy Dining Hall and measures 44-ft by 101 ft, with a ceiling height that rises to 27 ft. at its peak. The long back wall of windows combines with the high-trussed ceilings to lend an expansive feeling to the space.

Other amenities include two changing rooms, individual storage lockers for Greek societies, and what Bellona enthusiastically described as a "neat design feature," an underground water storage facility. Located under the adjoining parking lot, this basin will have the capacity to hold the runoff from a "50 -year storm" and release it gradually into the ground, thereby lessening the environmental impact on the sensitive Root Glen behind the Annex.

The college's Board of Trustees worked with the Student Activities committee to develop plans for the facility over a year and a half ago. In April of 1999, they approved final drawings from the Philadelphia architectural firm of Ewing, Cole, Cherry, and Brott. Construction on the project, budgeted at $2.65 million, began in July 1999.

Bellona described the construction process as relatively smooth, with only two significant problems. A major electrical conduit buried behind the Little Pub necessitated a 3-ft. shift of the new building's foundation to avoid disturbing the conduit. Second, in November a delay of steel delivery from the manufacturer caused a postponement from the original target opening date of January 15.

Even after the February opening, some work, such as the painting of interior walls and paving of the access paths, will remain, but these minor items should not affect use of the facility, according to Bellona.

Commenting on the potential benefits of this new space to the Hamilton community, Bellona willingly deferred to the student body.

"I leave that question to the students. They will use it and form perceptions of it. Will it [the Annex] be good? You tell me."

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Brown names interim president

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Brown University has named an interim president to replace Gordon Gee, who stunned the campus by resigning after less than three years in office.

Sheila Blumstein, chairwoman of the Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences, was appointed Wednesday, two days after Gee was named chancellor of Vanderbilt University.

Blumstein said she was "daunted by the responsibility" but "prepared to serve" and would not be a candidate for the permanent job. The school was expected to form a search committee by the end of the month.

"Sheila Blumstein has an unsurpassed record of academic achievement and service to Brown and has a thorough understanding of the University's history, culture, needs and ambitions," Brown Chancellor Stephen Robert said in a statement.

Robert has criticized Gee, saying he had breached the moral commitment he made to Brown.

Gee, 56, called leaving the Ivy League school "a wrenching decision" and said he chose to take the Tennessee post because of "the excitement that occurs from having a wider scope" of programs. "Vanderbilt was exactly the right fit," he said Monday.

Gee will leave Brown on April 15.

Harvard may ease ethics rules

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Officials at Harvard Medical School are considering relaxing a strict conflict-of-interest policy to allow its researchers to make more money through outside work.

Harvard researchers are currently prohibited from devoting more than 20 percent of their time to work outside of Harvard, or holding more than $20,000 worth of stock in a company for which they do research.

Officials say they fear Harvard is losing its researchers to competing schools with less stringent guidelines enabling their researchers to reap higher financial rewards. Dennis Kasper, executive dean for academic programs, said Harvard's guidelines are "the most conservative policy around."

"The goal (in reviewing the policy) was to see if we are extremely out of line with what is going on with our sister universities," he said.

The revisions of the ethics policy, suggested in a report up by a committee of senior professors, would ensure that researchers not hold enough stock to affect a company's profits, and researchers would be allowed to invest only in large companies.

Kasper would not specifically say how the standards would change under the proposal.

"We are still struggling with a few questions," Kasper said. "I'm not sure what will come of the proposal. But the impetus is to make sure our faculty has reasonable opportunities."

If the new guidelines are accepted, they would not take effect until additional committees and administrators review them, Kasper said.

Minority college enrollment is up

AP - College enrollment for black and Hispanic high school graduates climbed steadily during the 1990s, according to a new report that also includes disquieting news about both groups.

The rate of blacks finishing high school fell in the late 1990s, and Hispanics lagged far behind whites and blacks in getting their high school diplomas, according to the report released today by the American Council on Education in Washington.

The study analyzed Census and Education Department figures for 1996-97, the latest available. The GE Fund, the charitable arm of General Electric Co., paid for the research.

College attendance at any time among all high school graduates ages 18 to 24 reached a record high of 45 percent in 1997. Among whites, the figure was 45 percent, up from 41 percent in 1991; blacks, a record 40 percent, up from 32 percent in 1991; Hispanics, 36 percent, vs. 33 percent in 1994.

WORLD NEWS

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Afghan plane hijacking crisis over

STANSTED, England (AP) — The hijackers of an Afghan plane released about 150 hostages safely and surrendered early today, ending a four-day standoff at an airport outside London. Police said they arrested 21 people who came off the aircraft.

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A released hostage from the hijacked Afghan plane waves as he is transported in a minibus.

Sixty people from the flight applied for asylum for themselves plus 14 dependents. There has been speculation, especially in British newspapers, that the Ariana Airlines jet was seized during its domestic flight in Afghanistan and brought on a meandering route to London as part of an elaborate bid for political asylum.

The hijackers did not make any demand for asylum, but "it became clear in the last hour of the negotiations that they were expressing concern about the political situation in Afghanistan," said David Stevens, chief constable of Essex County police.

Home Secretary Jack Straw suggested that anyone who had been on the flight with the intention of getting asylum would be considered part of the hijacking plot.

Former French minister may be tried

PARIS (AP) — The Paris prosecutor asked Thursday that former Foreign Minister Roland Dumas stand trial after an investigation into his role in an alleged kickback scheme.

The prosecutor recommended that six others, including Dumas' former mistress, Christine Deviers-Joncour, and the ex-chairman of oil giant Elf Aquitaine, Loik Le Floch-Prigent, also appear in court, judicial officials said on condition of anonymity.

Investigating magistrates are to decide whether the seven will stand trial.

Dumas' lawyer told LCI television that he had not been informed of the request.

Dumas, 76, was placed under formal investigation in April 1998 for "complicity and illegally receiving company funds" from Elf between 1989 and 1992. The intermediary, according to allegations, was his mistress, who said she was employed by Elf to create a direct line between the company and the Foreign Ministry.

The probe has shown that Deviers-Joncour received a total of $10 million from Elf.

She has claimed that her former lover was the beneficiary of a $3 million Paris apartment bought with kickback funds in exchange for his influence in getting Le Floch-Prigent appointed as Elf's president in 1989.

The scandal broadened when Dumas was placed under investigation a second time after Deviers-Joncour claimed he knew that a dozen antique Greek statues she bought him were bought with $50,000 of Elf funds.

Aussie girl survives croc attack

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — A young girl escaped from the jaws of an 8-foot crocodile when her little brother distracted the beast by grabbing its tail, their father said Tuesday.

Roy Harrington said his daughter Martina, 8, and son Paul, 5, were hunting for turtles on Saturday in a creek in Australia's Northern Territory, when the animal seized her and began dragging her into the water.

"I could see it pulling her down," Harrington told reporters. "Paul grabbed the tail of the croc and he threw his head up — that gave Martina a chance to get her feet out of his mouth."

Harrington said he then attacked and killed the crocodile with an ax. Martina was treated at a clinic for bite wounds and released, he said.

Saltwater crocodiles live in waterways throughout Australia's tropical north.

The reptiles have been protected in Australia since the early 1970s and their numbers have burgeoned.

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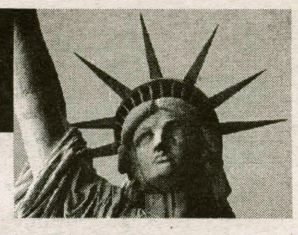

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FBI seeks private cyberattack help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating nationwide to catch those who launched the largest computer attack on the Internet in memory. A senior Justice official says large potential stock market and economic losses could lead to a request for tougher penalties.

"This is ... a hot investigation," Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters today.

At this early stage, investigators do not know the motive for the attacks on electronic commerce sites this week and "whether we're looking at one source or more than one," Holder said.

AP

Pickard and Reno

But he added there is "no indication at this point that we are looking at anything that comes from outside the country." Nevertheless, that possibility is not being ruled out, because cyberattacks have come from abroad in the past.

"Whatever their motive," Holder said. "These are people who are criminals, and we will do all that we can to find them, to prosecute them and to put them in jail. We don't consider this to be a prank."

The FBI is seeking private help in solving what it calls the largest computer attack on the Internet in memory — an assault on e-commerce sites the bureau says could easily have been launched by a teen-ager.

Energy: Paducah workers exposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers at a federal uranium enrichment site were unknowingly exposed to radiological and chemical hazards while working at the western Kentucky facility between 1952 and 1990, according to a Department of Energy report released today.

For years, investigators found, workers were not always told of the dangers they faced working with highly toxic radioactive materials. And their families may have been exposed when workers took contaminated clothing home to be laundered.

"Although the intention to protect workers was apparent, their protection programs were not always conservative or consistent," the report said.

Large amounts of uranium-contaminated smoke, steam and gas were vented into the air, sometimes secretly in what employees called "midnight negatives," the report found. There also was wholesale pollution of the air, ground and water around the plant, in quantities that may have been significantly underreported.

Ronald Lamb, a farmer who lives two miles from the plant, said a nearby creek was contaminated. DOE sealed off his well in 1994 and now provides his water.

"I've been angry for about 10 years. We never suspected they were doing anything that would harm us. It's a federal facility," said Lamb, who has respiratory problems he believes are related to the plant.

Philly construction workers injured

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A wooden platform at a construction site collapsed today, injuring eight people, some of whom were briefly trapped under a pile of wood, steel rods and tons of wet concrete.

One worker was in critical condition and two others in very serious condition following the 8:30 a.m. accident at the Regional Performing Arts Center construction site.

Executive Fire Chief Henry Dolberry said it appeared a platform gave way, sending the men and debris into the wet concrete being poured to build a ramp for an underground parking garage. It was unclear how far they fell.

"One man I heard fell 40 feet, because you have the structure above the hole, several floors of steel, plus the pit," said fire Capt. Armand Gersbach. "It's lucky no one was killed."

He described the injuries as "broken back, broken legs, that type of injury." At least five men were briefly trapped in the debris before they could be rescued by firefighters.

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A Fistful of Tickets

Jennifer Irvine & Brad Beacham

Parking on the Hamilton College campus, an ever-present issue, is increasingly problematic due to the amount of snowfall in the last month. According to a front page article in last week's Spectator (2/4/00), Campus Safety recognizes the recent severity of the parking situation. The article's author is correct in addressing the long-standing existence of an oppositional relationship between the students and the entity commonly referred to as security.

Security is correct about one thing - the parking problem on campus has reached ridiculous levels. At the same time, many Hamilton students maintain that security is handling the situation badly. A common assumption is that security has nothing better to do than to ticket violators, without checking the lots for the real cause of the violations, namely vehicles parked in the lot that do not belong there. As seniors living in Babbitt, we were lucky in the "lottery," paid a $50 dollar parking fee, and expected to have a parking space for our cars. But this is not so.

What has been a constant parking reality is that students are punished for driving their vehicles. When you pull into the parking lot after an evening out, there are no spaces. Many "perpetrators" resort to parking in the circle, unintentionally breaking the parking regulations. Students should not be punished for agreeing to be the designated driver for the evening. Students should not be punished for ensuring that their friends come home safely from the so-called downtown nightlife. Attempts to contact security regarding such scenarios are no more than an exercise in futility, typically resulting in unnecessary hostilities on both sides - and a ticket in the morning.

The end result of choosing to have a vehicle on the Hamilton campus is a vicious cycle of ticket after ticket and appeal after appeal, few of which are granted. Even though campus safety employees are sympathetic to the parking situation and realize that there is a problem, no plans are made to build another parking lot. Instead, we have a lovely, brown, useless venue on the dark side- the negative appeal of which is not the topic of this article. Campus safety is all too aware of the parking crunch - they feel it too. There are campus safety jeeps parked illegally all over Dunham parking lot. Why are they allowed to park illegally due to a lack of space? Who tickets the ticket-bandits? Is there a forum by which a campus citizen may police security? Can we write "citizen tickets?"

We implore you, the citizens of Hamilton, unite against these ticket banditos and prove once and for all that the pen is truly mightier than the shirt of blue. Join us disgruntled members of the parking community in challenging security to a showdown at high noon in North Lot...oh...can we have a ride? We aren't permitted to park in that lot.

All joking aside, while security does hold a position of authority, their position does not legitimize an abuse of power. A reasonable compromise seems to be called for involving the reinterpretation of Hamilton College parking policy, much like in any other state of emergency. At the same time, we do acknowledge the student body's abuse of the appeal system regarding parking policy. In times such as these, where parking spaces become scarce due to divine intervention, such as the weather, security must be slightly more compassionate and understanding towards the parking plebeians.

Candidates Should Be Heard But Not Seen

Riley Fenner

This year's Presidential Campaign, like all of them that I can remember, is one marked more by its disgraceful elements than it is by its proud ones. Few people paid attention to the moment when George W. Bush and John McCain shook hands with each other and made a gentlemen's agreement to conduct positive campaigns. Their recent decision to resort to negative advertisements and to begin softening each other up for the general election in November made headlines. Of course, neither action had anything to do with a substantive position on an issue taken by either candidate.

However, there generally aren't many newspaper headlines that are concerned with the positions of the various candidates. A sampling of headlines from the Tuesday, February 8 *New York Times* spread on the election includes, "Copying Reagan's Strategy, McCain Courts Democrats," "A Rested Gore Goes After Hard-Hat and High-Hat Votes," "Leaning Toward Bush But Interested in McCain" (an article about one telephone repairman's preferences in the race), and "Bush Takes Tougher Line and Emphasizes Reform." The last article cited, which would appear on the surface to perhaps indicate a change in the candidate's ideology, is instead a description of his decision to begin campaigning negatively against his opponent and some vapid quotes in which he claims to be more dedicated to reform than John McCain. What exactly he would reform, and why that is a desirable thing, is left entirely unspecified.

Why has our media become obsessed with the form of campaigns at the expense of any coverage of their content? Probably, it is due to the rapid availability of information, and the contingent tendency to focus on what is deemed to be the most crucial aspect of each story, since there are so many available to be covered. Rather than hearing a candidate's speech, we get a sound bite. Even during debates, empty rhetoric that is framed only to be cut up into such sound bites has taken the place of substantive arguments.

What we need is a new testing ground for our candidates, one that simultaneously demands more substance from them and delivers information about them to the population at large quickly and efficiently. What is missing from our presidential candidates is the requirement that they be able to make a rational, convincing argument on paper. During debates, candidates lapse immediately into sophistry, and tend to make emotional appeals and undercut each other's views rather than to stake out any sort of sensible position. Why not isolate each candidate in a room with a pencil and paper, and ask each of them the same question. Then, give them a certain span of time in which to answer the question in writing, in the style of the standardized tests that every American must wade through at some points in life. Without reference to the other candidate, and without the opportunity to make emotional appeals through the intonations of the voice and gestures, candidates could be judged on the powers of their intellects. Voters would get a sense of where a candidate truly stood on an issue, and of how well he or she could articulate that stance.

The Frightful Hazards of Dorm Life

Justin Tyler

College is no easy trip. We leave the comfort of our homes and families and set up shop in an entirely new environment. We have to go to classes, find food for ourselves, join and quit CAB, make new friends, and any number of other responsibilities. Through all of this we face countless risks and dangers that we may not even think about. The source of many of these dangers comes from a most unlikely source, our own dormitories. Now, you may be thinking "My dorm? My dorm is perfectly safe. I plan on raising my kids here." Well I hope these stories make you think again.

The Terror from Above - Next time you go into your dorm, take a look to the roof, if you dare. If you live in North, Kirkland, South or Carnegie, you may be greeted by about fifty pounds of ice. There's nothing to worry about if you've got your Snoopy Sno-Kone maker handy but otherwise you're going to be in need of serious medical attention. The ice that falls off of these dorms is quite dangerous, no joke. It's only been chance so far that no one has been turned into a life size Otter Pop. The College has tried to solve the problem with their crack team of icicle handlers, most of them from eskimo decent. They use a long arm bucket and smash the ice down with sledge hammers, which is effective when they do it, but it doesn't solve the problem. How about the College goes out on a limb and installs rain gutters? It may be a little costly short term but it'll be a lot cheaper than the lawsuit that Headless Joe is going to bring once he gets crushedby a pile of ice. Until then though, keep watching the skies!

The Stench from Below - Let me set the scene for you: It's Sunday morning, 7AM and you're getting up to catch the last half hour of the gem network (that's when things get a little crazy). First though, you have to make a quick stop in the floor bathroom to powder your nose. When you open the door you're greeted by the worst funk you've ever had the pleasure of smelling. The bathroom floor is littered with beer cans and broken glass
and one of the stalls has two layers of puke on it, one from Friday night and one from Saturday night. Petrified, you flee to your room where you drown yourself in pork rinds and the latest issue of Seventeen.

This is not an uncommon scene for a Sunday morning on this campus, mainly because Steve and Suzy Puke-a-lot don't clean up after themselves. Our janitors are left with a rank mess to clean up on Monday morning and they really don't deserve that. It's not fair for our regular janitors to be forced to clean up after the build up from the two dirtiest days of the
week. It's also not fair for the rest of the dorm residents to have to wallow in one person's wretch. Now from what I hear there are a lot of students who get assigned community service as punishment for a campus violation. I can think of no better community service than cleaning up the first floor Dunham bathrooms after a weekend of North Court parties. This would also be a huge deterrent factor in curtailing campus crime; you break a couple light poles, you clean a couple bathrooms, problem solved.

The Horror of Feces Bob - I know you're out there Feces Bob, just waiting to strike again. Last year, I had the pleasure of living on the first floor of Dunham. For the most part, it was a sanitary place; we had the best janitor on this campus and he did one hell of a job. But every couple weeks, when I went to take my early morning shower, Bam! there would be a little pile of poop waiting for me in the third stall. I don't know what was wrong with your bowel movements, but I'm on to you buddy. You can run but you can't hide. I'll get you Feces Bob, someday...

The Bucket's Revenge - The most horrific of these tales of dorm hazards occurred this past weekend. If I could give one piece of advice in this article I would say this: Always, ALWAYS, have a bucket on hand in your room! This past Saturday, while entertaining some guests, my roommate remarked that one of the guests looked a little pale, perhaps I should find our bucket. I replied "Don't worry about it, they're leaving any minute." Not two seconds later, I turned to catch an eyeful of hurtling vomit. Now, you, the readers, may not have experienced puke in your face recently, well let me tell you, it burns. So let that be a lesson to you, keep a bucket handy, or safety goggles, or even a poncho because the next face to get puked on may be your own.

These horror stories are just a few of the dangers that are inherent to your dorm. So think twice the next evening you sit comfortably in your stolen lounge furniture. And hey, be careful out there.

For more information abou face vomit consult your local library.

Editorial

Hillary Clinton: Unimpressive and Untrustworthy

She has never lived in New York. She has never worked in New York. She has never paid taxes in New York.

Nevertheless, early last week Hillary Clinton officially announced she is running for the U.S. Senate Seat in New York, a seat that has opened up due to the retirement of New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Mrs. Clinton jumped at the opportunity to run for the Senate for reasons unbeknownst to many people in both New York and around the country. It is clear from her choreographed performance at her "announcement" that Mrs. Clinton will do anything it takes to win the November election.

Mrs. Clinton often resembles a puppet whose strings are pulled by others. We have yet to find out where she stands on issues. The only thing clear about Mrs. Clinton is that if she takes a stance on an issue at the start of a week, she may change her position by the end of the week.

Mrs. Clinton also runs into problems when trying to pass herself off as a "real" New Yorker. She only makes herself seem more out of place in New York when she tries to highlight or emphasize her connection to New York. Throughout her "listening tour" this summer, she claimed to be a "lifelong" New York Yankees fan even though those closest to the First Lady never remembered her mentioning anything about the team. Mrs. Clinton also claimed she spent time when she was younger in Elmira, New York. Mrs. Clinton later admitted she had once "passed through" Elmira when she was younger. Enough already!

But there is so much more. Mrs. Clinton has flip-flopped on so many issues in the last few months that we wonder if anything she says can be believed.

She came out in favor of a Palestinian state and when polls showed many New Yorkers were not in favor of Palestinian statehood, she flip-flopped again. And if that was not enough, she has changed her position on the status of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. After wavering on the issue of Palestinian statehood, she tried to win favor with Jewish New Yorkers by writing a letter in which she called Jerusalem Israel's indivisible capital.

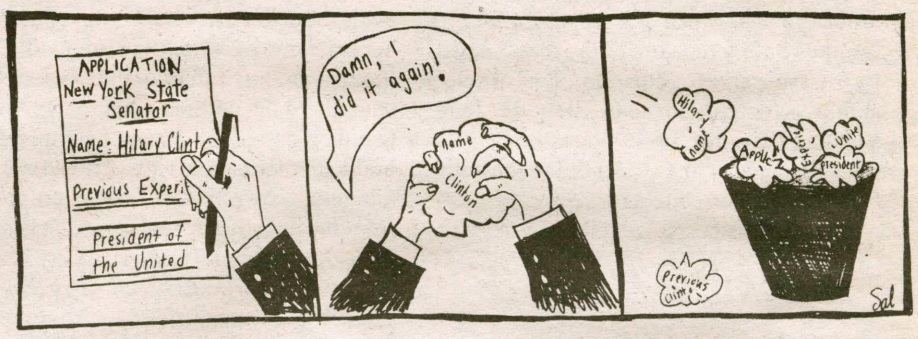
Next, she spoke in favor of her husband's decision to free Puerto Rican terrorists (the FALN debacle) then flip-flopped when many people were outraged and polls showed the public was against the decision.

On another occasion, Hillary listened to Yassir Arafat's wife, Suha, accuse the Israelis of trying to kill Palestinian women and children by poisoning their water supply. This unfounded and outrageous allegation by Mrs. Arafat did not shock Mrs. Clinton who proceeded to kiss Mrs. Arafat on the cheek before leaving the event.

Finally, Mrs. Clinton often speaks of her "record" and the many things she has accomplished. However, we have yet to hear anything concrete or substantive regarding her achievements in the political arena. All we continue to hear is very general language about her past. Everything is vague. The bottom line is she has no record. The only policy issue she is famous for was the disastrous Universal Health Care plan she was responsible for in her husband's first term.

She has not given any rationale for why she wants to be New York's next Senator, nor has she provided New Yorkers with any concrete message. All we know of Mrs. Clinton is that she is for improving childcare, strengthening education, and "helping" New Yorkers. Who is not for any of those things? Does any candidate want to weaken the education of our children?

The campaign is just beginning, but it can only get worse for Mrs. Clinton. And for us.



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Letters

To the Editors:

I read with interest your editorial this past week about curricular reform, and I write to correct your assertion that students have not been consulted in the process. The faculty has been discussing reforming the curriculum for the past four years. I am at present the chair of the Committee on Academic Policy, which is shepherding the reform process. Two representatives from student government attend meetings of CAP regularly: at present, Tara LaRuffa and John O'Keeffe; for 1999 (the terms seem to run January to December), Elena Siegel and Jack Spangler; for 1998, Jack Spangler and John Fantuzzi; before that I was not on the committee, but student representation has always been part of the process. It is my understanding that these students report back to Student Assembly.

The curricular reform has been for all practical purposes the main item on the agenda for every faculty meeting during the past two and a half years; last year the faculty met twice, rather than its usual once, a month. If the student body feels that it has been ill-informed about the process, perhaps it might ask why the Spectator has not been covering the meetings. Copies of the agendas for meetings, and of the minutes of past meetings, are available at the Dean of the Faculty's office.

The current reform package proposes to reduce the number of students in 100- and 200-level writing-intensive courses from 20 to 16, to require that students take an interdisciplinary sophomore seminar, to modify the distribution and cultural diversity requirements, and to require that students continue for one semester their study of a foreign language. Should this reform package, or any part of it, be voted into place by the faculty, it will not affect any students before the class of 2005.

Respectfully, Margaret Thickstun Chair, Committee on Academic Policy

To the Editor,

I would like to applaud the Spectator Editorial Board's interest in the ongoing process of curricular reform here at Hamilton. However I also feel an obligation to point out that last week's editorial on the subject of curricular reform is quite simply wrong in a number of respects. The editorial declares that there has been no direct student input into any part of the process. As far as I know there has always been at least one student observer on the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP), and for the past two years there have been two student observers. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the CAP it is the committee charged with the unenviable task of drafting curricular reform proposals for the faculty to discuss and vote on. Rather then being nonexistent the opportunity for student input into the process of curricular reform has increased over the past four years.

In the past there have also been more public attempts to facilitate student input into the curricular reform process. Several years ago the Student Assembly sponsored an open forum on curricular reform for the benefit of students who happened to be interested in the process. Several faculty members who sat on the committee including the committee chair were more then happy to take time out of their evening to answer questions, take suggestions, and explain the process. Unfortunately only a handful of students took advantage of this opportunity. Faculty members of the CAP have also been perfectly willing to answer questions and take suggestions at Student Assembly meetings when asked to do so. Furthermore after a brief look through the archive of the Spec on Line it would seem that members of the CAP and faculty members in general have willingly answered the curricular reform related questions posed to them by Spectator reporters.

I have also heard of a number of instances in which professors have taken time out of their classes to ask students what they think about the curricular reform process. The suggestion that the faculty did not and does not want to hear what students think about curricular reform is unfair and has little basis in fact. I sincerely hope that the Spectator follows through on its plan to provide the Hamilton community with "the real story" on curricular reform. However, my hope is based on the expectation that in the future the Spectator will attempt to base its curricular reform related offerings on fact rather then assumptions and accusations that have little apparent connection to the facts.

Jack Spangler '00

The Honor Court Speaks

Dear fellow students:

We are taking this opportunity to write to you as the student representatives of the Honor Court. We want to share with you our perspective on the Honor Code, and our approach to upholding the regulations embodied in it.

The Honor Code permits all of us - students and faculty - to enjoy an unusual degree of freedom in our academic work. Our examinations are frequently completed outside the classroom without faculty supervision and we are able to work collaboratively with other students to complete projects. This degree of independence is made possible by our pledge to uphold the principles articulated in the Honor Code.

As in any situation in which we enjoy liberties, we must also accept certain responsibilities. An important responsibility that we, as students, accept in this regard is to deal with violations of the Honor Code. The individuals elected to administer this responsibility comprise the Honor Court.

As you probably know, the Honor Court is composed of seven students and three faculty members. Each student member of the Court is elected by the student body; faculty members are elected by the faculty. The procedures governing Honor Court meetings require that the students always hold a majority at each hearing. This ensures that, whenever a student appears before the Honor Court for an alleged violation, his or her actions are judged by fellow students as well as faculty. This process serves a valuable educational function: sanctions for violations of the Honor Code are assigned by peers who share a common set of experiences and challenges. Our experience as elected members of the Honor Court has been that the student and faculty members of the Court share a common perspective; we do not operate as separate constituencies.

Because a handout describing the Honor Code and the Honor Court are readily available (you can, for example, pick up a copy at the Dean of Students Office), we will not take up the space here to review all of the information in that brochure. However, we would like to take a moment to discuss several important issues related to the Honor Code. Most of us recognize that plagiarism includes the act of copying word-for-word from someone else's work without appropriate credit being given to the author. But plagiarism also involves using someone else's ideas, even when you use your own words to describe that person's ideas. Thus, credit must be given whenever you utilize someone else's ideas, even when the wording of the ideas is your own.

Self-plagiarism occurs when a person submits work in a course for which he or she has previously received academic credit, either in that course or in any other course. We have found that students sometimes mistakenly believe that because they have written a paper in one course, that it is theirs to be used in another course. This is not the case. Once a person receives credit for the paper in one course, the ideas or statements used in that paper must be appropriately cited if they are used in any subsequent paper.

The Honor Court has witnessed several episodes of plagiarism using materials obtained from sources on the World Wide Web. Several well-known sites exist from which students may purchase papers. The Honor Court views instances of plagiarism using the Web as particularly egregious violations of the Honor Code, and has assigned severe sanctions for such acts. For instance, in the past two years, two students who committed plagiarism using the Web were separated from the College, one for a period of one year, the other for a period of three years. In addition, the Court stipulated that these students could not earn academic credit at other institutions during this period that could be transferred to the College. In other words, the academic progress of these students was put on hold for one to three years. It is the Court's intention that our message be clear: the use of the Web to commit violations of the Honor Code will not be tolerated.

A final point that we would like to share with the community stems from our experience in working with students who have violated the Honor Code. A person might imagine that students who violate the Honor Code are in some manner morally corrupt or have a history of committing such acts. In our experience, nothing could be farther from the truth. Most students who appear before the Honor Court never imagined that when they signed the Honor Code they might someday violate it. We find that most students who appear before the Honor Court do so because they found themselves in a difficult situation and made a bad decision. Sometimes these students have allowed themselves to get behind in their work and, faced with the possibility of a low grade for inadequate work, they made the wrong choice in handling a highly stressful situation. The point we wish to make is that in order to avoid violating the Honor Code, it is not enough to genuinely intend at the time you sign the Honor Code statement to uphold its principles. A person needs to avoid placing himself or herself in situations in which violating the Honor Code might, in the midst of a lot of stress, seem like a viable way of handling the situation.

We appreciate the opportunity to work on behalf of our fellow students to administer the Honor Code at the College. We are deeply conscious of the fact that it is a privilege to be elected to a position of responsibility, and we endeavor to act in the best interests of our community.

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Weekend Horoscopes

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Your smile and sense of humor bring laughs to everyone you meet, continueto share them and you will be greatly rewarded.
Your lucky man this weekend: A cowboy

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17)
The weekend will be a calm one for you. But don't let that get you down, the excitement is just around the corner.
Your lucky magazine this weekend: Cosmopolitan

Pisces (February 18 - March 19)
Love is like a science, use your expertise in the lab to get your Bunsen burner going this weekend.
Your lucky dining hall this weekend: McEwen

Aries (March 20 - April 19)
Go out on a limb and tell a certain someone something that you have been wanting to but haven't had the guts to.
Your lucky store this weekend: Hot Topic

Taurus (April 20 - May 19)
Jumping in when things have already begun can be hard, but you are catching on fast and doing a drop dead gorgeous job.
Your lucky object this weekend: A towel

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
Your week so far hasn't been the best, but a fun outfit and a splash of color equal a good time for you this weekend.
Your lucky social space this weekend: North Court

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Holding the leash is a fun thing to do sometimes isn't it?
Your lucky food this weekend: Mexican

Leo (July 22 - August 22)
Even though they might not always let you know it, people appreciate it when you listen to the other side of what they have to say.
Your lucky cartoon this weekend: Scooby Doo

Virgo (August 23 - September 21)
Just because you are not the one holding the leash, instead of the one being led, doesn't mean that you have to be a grump.
Your lucky person this weekend: An overnight visitor

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
In the real world using your skills at computer dating might help you lose that single status this weekend.
Your lucky outfit: A slutty one

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
Sometimes tooting your own horn in front of others can be good for a chuckle or two.
Your lucky object this weekend: A computer

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20)
Make sure that all old matters are settled before taking on any new endeavors.
Your lucky color this weekend: Red

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The program:

A look at Ham-tech's premed program

By Alysia Mihalakos '01
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So you want to be a doctor? The idea may have appealed to you, but you cowered away when you heard about how hard organic chemistry is or because you dread long afternoons in the lab. Still, you tune into *ER* and *Providence* and think that you've got the potential. Now what? Get your thinking caps on my friends, because you've got a lot of work to do!

The college's requirements for admission to medical school are two semesters of biology, two semesters of physics, four semesters of chemistry (two of which must be organic), and two semesters of college english. Many medical schools also ask for proven proficiency in math, and some specify one year of college Calculus. Sounds like enough courses to be its own major, doesn't it?

But every spring semester a new group of students enters organic chemistry (orgo as it is affectionately referred to), and many of them moan and groan about it because it is difficult. Professor Robin Kinnel, health professions advisory committee chair admits, "It's hard. Well, medicine is hard!"

Organic simply means carbon containing. Carbon is an essential building block in all life forms, and many of the biological sciences are fundamentally linked to organic chemistry.

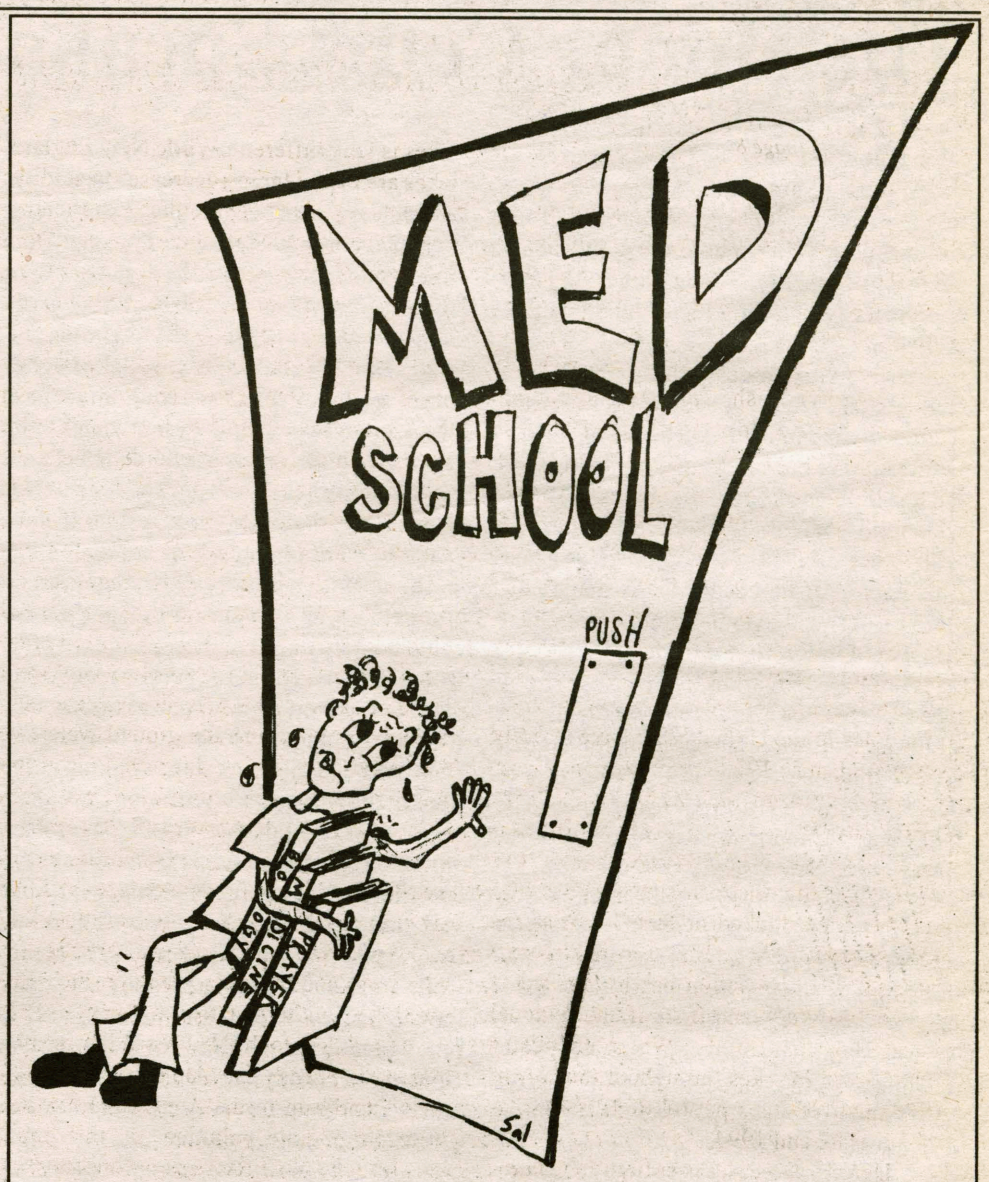
Orgo is an integral part of the curriculum because it forces you to think about science in a different way than other subjects. "It is important because all of life is carbon-based and it will prepare you for biochemistry in medical school," Kinnel said.

There is now more breadth to the requirements for medical school than in the past. Many admissions committees urge students to focus on something they are passionate about. A broad liberal arts education that includes the humanities and social sciences can help students focus on the outside world and allow them to communicate better with patients in the long run.

But med-school bound students who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in fields outside of the sciences are also encouraged to do so. Majors from dance and art to anthropology, sociology and the more traditional biology and chemistry are desirable because admissions committees are looking to bring in more diverse groups of students.

Sound reminiscent of your college application days? It is. Medical schools are looking for students who are dedicated and focused, who have applied themselves in the classroom and the community, and especially for those who have hands-on clinical or research experience.

How well does Hamilton prepare students for medical school? Fairly well, considering that Hamilton alumni attend prestigious medical schools such as Dartmouth, NYU, Albany Med, UMass, NY Med, University of New England, Syracuse, Thomas Jefferson, and many others.



Premed students have a hefty courseload. Hamilton's premed program requires two semesters of english, biology, physics, and four semesters of chemistry (one of which must be organic chemistry). Hamilton has alumni in medical schools at Dartmouth, NYU, Syracuse and UMass.

With professors dedicated to research in their fields and the numerous opportunities for students to roll up their sleeves and join them, the sciences are strong here. With talk of the brand new science facility, some premeds are hopeful not only for improved space and equipment, but additional courses as well.

"I think that adding human anatomy and physiology to the curriculum would help premeds stay interested and learn fundamentals of how the body works before we get to medical school," said one premed student. There has also been a rumor that Hamilton would be opening its own medical school. But according to Kinnel, "there is no window of opportunity for a medical school at Hamilton, especially since there are many medical programs that presently fear closing."

It may still sound overwhelming, but many students don't want to give up their dream of being involved in medicine. Despite their fear, opportunities abound, even though the face of medicine has changed since our parents were in college. Medicine isn't just about being a doctor anymore, says Kinnel.

Students at Hamilton approach the Health Professions Advisory Committee about careers in allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and chiropractic medicine, among others.

There are post-baccalaureate programs for students who haven't completed all of the science requirements or who want to strengthen their medical school applications. Another alternative many are choosing is to become a Physician's Assistant. Physician's Assistants have more manageable hours than physicians do, and they begin their careers after fewer years of schooling.

With all of these options, what is a med school hopeful to do? The first thing is to meet with one of the members of the Health Professions Advisory Committee, such as Kinnel or Chemistry professor Karen Brewer. It also helps to talk to other premedical students, visit the career center, or see if you can find a doctor to shadow. Ask a lot of questions.

Books are another excellent resource for aspiring medical students. Titles such as *A Not Entirely Benign Procedure* by Perri Klass, M.D., *White Coat: Becoming a Doctor at Harvard Medical School* by Ellen Lerner Rothman, M.D., and *Learning to Play God* by Robert Marion, M.D., are stories of physicians in their medical school and residency years. They explore the trials, tribulations, and the lessons that actual doctors have taken away from the stress of it all.

One year of biology, physics, english, and two years of chemistry.

So go forth, Hamiltonians, and pursue your dreams. While it may not be the easiest life path, and there will be many years of schooling to follow, premeds have a support system of professors and other students as well as numerous research and volunteer opportunities. Take advantage of them. At your ten-year reunion, you may be the one your old college buddies come to for medical advice. "So, Dr. Mihalakos, what do you think about...?" Hey, it could happen!

Acid rain, snow and mist still threatening NE aquatic life

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Despite awareness of the everyday term 'acid rain', few know more about it than that it is environmentally harmful. A friend found it a bit odd that I was writing about rain at a time of year when snow is on everyone's mind. Perhaps I should have said acid snow.

It is not unusual for acids to be in the air. Unpolluted rain is actually slightly acidic, with a pH of 5.6. Acidity is measured on the pH scale. Pure water is neither acidic nor basic; it is neutral, with a pH of 7. Orange juice has a pH of about 4, while the digestive fluids in our stomachs are extremely acidic with a pH of almost 1. High amounts of acid-causing chemicals released into the atmosphere in the form of smokestack emissions from coal burning plants, however is not normal. Byproducts of burning fossil fuels include sulfur dioxide, which forms sulfuric acid in the atmosphere. The acid falls to the ground in some form of precipitation, be it rain, snow or mist.

Biological damage from acid rain is a primary concern to ecologists and other environmental scientists. Highly acidic waters can turn aquatic ecosystems upside down, indiscriminately killing plants, fish and many other organisms. In fish specifically, overly acidic waters inhibit the uptake of oxygen by causing excessive mucus formation in the gills.

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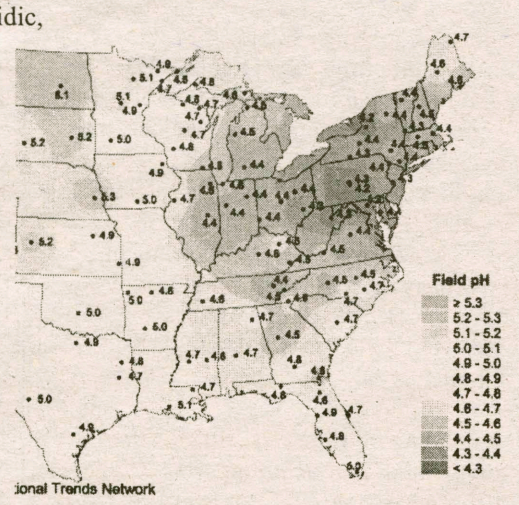

Acidity levels are generally higher in the northeast.

Midwest coal-burning plants a cause of regional acid rain damage

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Acidity also interferes with osmoregulation (an organism's fragile balance of water distribution). This is a potentially fatal condition. It disturbs the delicate internal chemistry of the fish, decreasing their ability to reproduce. As acidity drops to a pH of 5, fish eggs can no longer survive. Further drops in pH can even kill adult fish.

Environmental legislation has been fighting air pollution since the 1960s with the passage of the first version of the Clean Air Act, which has been amended numerous times in the past 30 years to incorporate stricter regulations. Have emissions regulations actually been successful? Despite a seemingly hopeless situation, emission rates in the United State have steadily decreased since 1970.

As acid deposition has decreased, we might expect to see recovery in affected lakes and waterways. Recent studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency have looked at lake acidification trends in the northeastern US to determine if reduced acid deposition has in fact led to aquatic recovery, and if so, if any regional trends are discernible. Water chemistry analysis of 44 lakes throughout the Northeast occurred for a period of 12 years between 1982 and 1994.

Despite decreases in sulfate concentrations across the board, recovery responses between New England and Adirondack lakes is very different. While New England lakes are experiencing decreases in acidity, Adirondack lakes have either experienced no change or are becoming more acidic.

Why the difference between the two regions? The answer has to do with the loss of essential basic chemicals, such as magnesium and calcium, which help to balance the pH. Declines in base cation concentrations in the Adirondack region have been much more severe than in New England. Scientists attribute the regional difference to the intensity and duration of acid precipitation in the Adirondacks, which has caused these naturally occurring ions to be leached out of rocks and soil faster than they can be replaced.

Acid rain damage can have economic impacts as well. Diverse ecosystems help humans by purifying the ground water we drink and by breaking down and cleansing sewage. Humans polluting the environmet is not just bad for the environment, it is bad for humans.

Although New York has cleaned up its act with emission controls stricter than federal standards, westerly winds carry pollutants from coal burning plants in the Midwest and Southern states.

According to the New York Times, officials have recently calculated that about 80% of the acid rain in the Adirondacks comes from out-of-state pollution. At this point, only further reductions in emissions and time will allow ecosystems that have been damaged by acid rain to recover.

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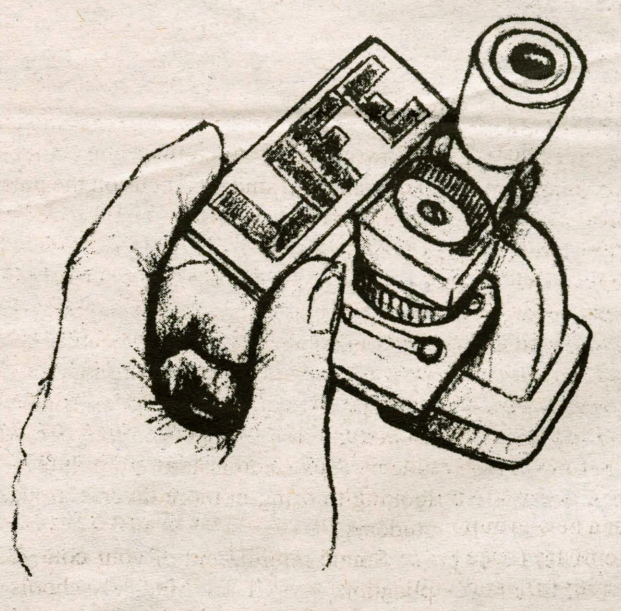
Breaking down science

How we gain knowledge abour our world

By Scott Kalberer '01
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The public often perceives science as a collection of esoteric knowledge gained through the complex experiments of specially trained professionals. In fact, science is simply a method for understanding nature; it has vast capabilities as well as its own share of problems and limitations.



People use science when current knowledge is no longer sufficient to solve a problem or explain certain natural phenomena. Current knowledge includes scientific discoveries that have been accepted as fact (for example, that the earth goes around the sun), and fundamental assumptions about the universe that science cannot test. Such assumptions might include beliefs in supernatural forces or other entities that we cannot directly examine with a microscope or weigh with a balance.

But before people can use science, we need to agree on two things. First, that the universe and things in it actually behaves in a predictable fashion, and second, that humans are capable of understanding the world around them.

To apply science to a problem we use the scientific method, a system of questioning and observation that helps scientists discover what is probably true: the facts. Author of the book Philosophy of Science Mario Bunge describes the steps of this method well.

First we must form a hypothesis, a temporary explanation for our observations of a phenomenon, that we are capable of testing. In this process scientists strive to support their claims with objective evidence. This is data; quantitations of mass, temperature, etc.

Next we think of the logical consequences of our hypothesis, and we devise experiments to test these consequences. We perform the experiments, interpret the results, and see if we can disprove the hypothesis. If we can not disprove the hypothesis, we go on to test other logical consequences of the hypothesis.

If the hypothesis survives enough experiments, it is likely to be correct, although new experiments may disprove it in the future. We may then elevate the hypothesis to the level of a theory, which is an established idea that explains a set of observations. One example of a commonly accepted theory is the theory of evolution. Not everybody believes that humans evolved from less developed organisms over millions of years, but a virtually indisputable body of scientiic evidence supports this theory

Science does not prove anything directly; it can only disprove alternate explanations until the one remaining idea seems to be a likely possibility. Therefore an explanation of a phenomenon needs to be falsifiable for it to be considered scientific; there are many logical explanations for natural events considered unscientific because there is no known way to show that they are wrong.

Finally, there is an interesting controversy between two groups of thinkers known as the reductionists and the holists. Scientific reductionists claim that all of the specialized sciences, including biology, geology, and psychology, can be reduced to physics. For example, if an animal is made up of parts that we can describe using physical laws, the current biological theories that explain the animal can be replaced with physical theories of its component parts.

Reductionists also believe that most important scientific information comes from studies of individual parts and that

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"emergent properties" resulting from higher organization are largely illusory. The holists feel that a flawed assumption underlies these attitudes; just because an entity comprises smaller parts does not mean that the entity is fully explainable in terms of those parts.

There is no reason to assume physics is the only fundamental science; it is unlikely we could predict everything about organisms or the human mind without considering social, statistical, and other nonphysical forces. Holists do agree that theories about complex systems should be compatible with theories about the components of those systems.

Essentially, physics sets the conditions under which biological, geological, and psychological phenomena must operate, but they do not determine the exact characteristics of those phenomena. To predict the characteristics of a complex system like an animal or the brain from physical principles seems like a difficult feat for the human mind and current technology.

What's Goin' On With Feb Fest

Clinton, NY-- Hamilton College will recieve an old tradition with a winter carnival, Febfest 2000, Wintermission, from Feb, 14-19 on campus.

Hamilton's first winter carnival was held in 1938, with events such as a hockey game, dance parties, crowning of the carnival queen and a figure skating exhibition by James and Grace Maden of the U.S. Olympic Team. The carnival continued with similar events until the mid-50's, when it lost its popularity. Now, a group of Hamilton students is bringing back the winter carnival with the intention of livening up the hill and reviving the long lost tradition.

Activities will include a snoiccer tournament, sled race, snow sculpture contest and fireworks display.

Following are events that are open to the public. All are free unless otherwise noted.

Monday, February 14

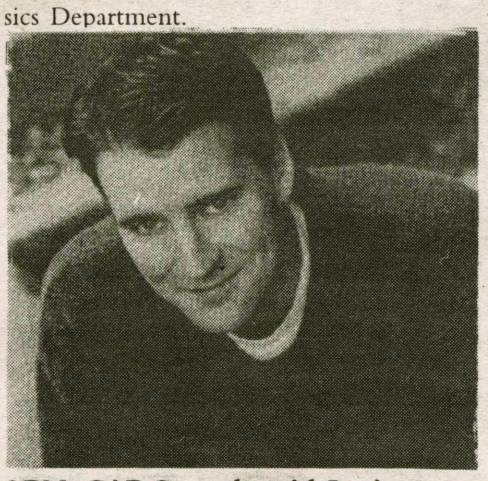
Outdoor Skating Rink
Open outside Dunham

8 PM. CAB's Gong Show
Old fashion gong show with free hot chocolate and coffee and celebrity guests.

Tuesday, February 15

4-6 PM. Capture The Flag
Brought to you by the EMT's of Hamilton College in Minor Field

4:30-6:30 PM Wine Tasting
Students of age and faculty will enjoy fine wines from around the world with connoisseur Professor Carl Rubino from the Classics Department.



8 PM. CAB Comedy, with Justin McKinney in Cafe Opus.

Justin McKinney is one of the most sought after comedians around. He has appeared on NBC and UPN, and just signed a $500,000 development deal to star in his own sitcom. "The pilot is going to be about two cops who are complete opposites," said McKinney.

His act is full of energy, original, and of course, extremely funny.

Wednesday February 16

8-9 PM BINGO
Great fun and prizes brought to you from the Class of 2003.

9-11 PM. "A Little Jazz in the Little Pub"- the Carmen Caramanica Trio.

Thursday, February 17

Snoccer Tournament
Great fun in the snow as students play soccer with their hands in the snow.

No-Holds-Bar-Shredding-Sled Race
A race to the finish down Roger's Hill with whatever you can find. Brought to you by HOC.

8 PM Acoustic Coffeehouse presents Jabbering Trout with opener Robert Lighthouse in the Barn

Opening is Robert Lighthouse, a native of Sweden who specializes in Mississippi Delta Blues. He came to the States at the age of 18 and traveled through the streets of Chicago and New Orleans. In 1988 he settled in Washington DC and landed a steady following at the City blues Cafe in DC. He won an amateur solo competition and went on to represent the DC area at the national competition held by the Blues Foundation in Memphsis in 1993.

Jabbering Trout is an energetic band that is sure to move the audience. The toured extensively in the States from Portland to Austin to Birmingham to St. Louis and most places in between. their third album was just recorded by the same man who produced Dave MAtthews and Ben Folds Five. They have won many awards, including two ASCAP Showcase features along with many special grants. Their lead singer has a unique voicethat can growl, whisper, boom, croom, and belt with passion.

Friday, February 18

12-4 PM Snow Sculpting
Come watch Hamilton's creative students sculpt creations out of snow.

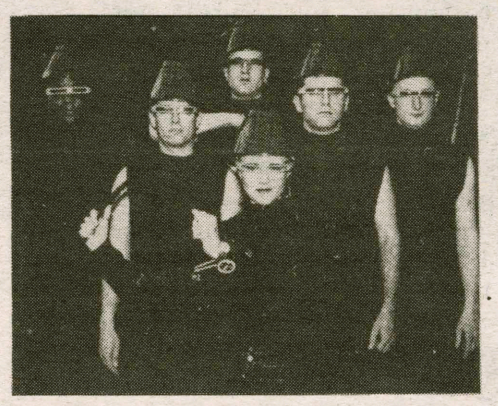
Snoccer Tournament (Day 2)

5-7 PM Pavilion Picnic
The entire Hamilton Community is invited to the Pavilion for hearty stewand good company.

7 PM Fireworks by Auburn/Telstar Display Fireworks Inc. at the Pavilion

8-10 PM. Senior Projects in Minor Theater
Come and support some of Hamilton's talented actorsas they perform their work.

9pm-12am. Jumbo Shrimp in the Little Pub



10pm-1am. Square Pegs
An eighties cover band, Square Pegs will play some of your favorites, including songs from Prince, Madonna, The Go-Go's and Blondie to name a few.

Saturday, February 19

Snoccer Tournament (Finals)

3 PM Men's Basketball vs. Wesleyan

4-6 PM 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Sample some of the finest chili around in the pub and help determine who will be this years chili champion.

6 PM Hamilton Classic Film Society presents *Roman Holiday* in the KJ Auditorium
If you missed it friday night, come see it Saturday!

8 PM Samples with Percy Hill

Opening is Percy Hill, a quartet featuring keyboards, guitar, bass and drums. Playing songs reminiscent of Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon, Percy Hill has a unique musical sound.

The Samples will follow, bringing their grassroots style to the Beineke Annex. They have created a unique sound that has created a significant following across the States. They have eight full length albums over the last decadethat have sold well. Their music has elements of rock, pop, ska and folkall fused together that resembles music by artists like Neil young and the Beatles. Though their popularity has risen, they are in no hurry to conform to the "radio standard". "I don't know what it means to be the band that got their day in the sun", says band member Sean Kelly. "Maybe we've just been there all along."

Late Night D.J.
Come see Hamilton's own Dave Bugliari heat up the dance floor in the Barn.

Movie Calander

Hamilton Classic Film Society presents:
Alfred Hitchcock's Rear Window
KJ Auditorium
Friday, February 11 10:00 PM
Saturday, February 12 6:00 PM

Munson Williams Proctor Institute presents:
Buena Vista Social Club in the Museum Of Art Auditorium. **Cost is $7 for Adults and $3.50 for Students.**

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SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (PG-13)
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TOY STORY 2 (G)
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MAGNOLIA (R)
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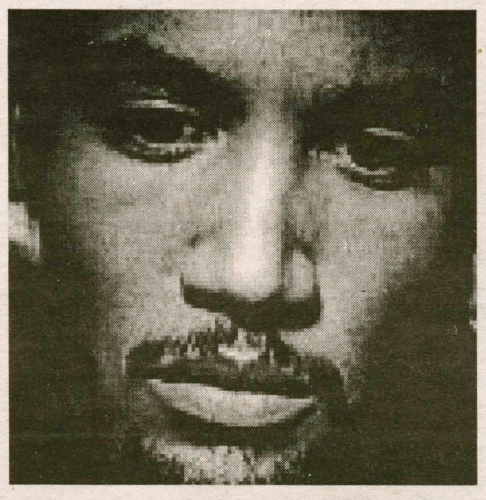
Harper Rocks
Guster not-so much

By Matt Olney'01
A&E EDITOR

Saturday night brought blistery winds and frigid temperatures to the Utica area, but inside the Stanley theater things were heating up. People from the Hamilton College community and the surrounding area piled into the nearly full Stanley not to see Dave Matthews of Blues Traveler, but newcomer Ben Harper and opener Guster.

Guster, Hamilton College regulars, took the stage at around 8:00pm and played a solid opening set. Though much of their music sounded similar, and it was played as it sounds on their albums, the audience was enthusiastic throughout. They played to the crowd (and their many area supporters) and received a positive response. "Guster seemed into what they were doing", said freshman Jackie Kooke. Guitarist Adam Gardner was all smiles as much of the female audience drooled in lust. Ryan Miller banged away at the bongos and Brian Rosenworcel mellowed the crowd with his high pitched voice. Their final song "Fa, Fa," from their latest album "Lost and Gone Forever" had the entire crowd on its feet. The band members took turns soloing and ended with a bang

For the next two-plus hours Ben Harper, dressed in blue jeans, a plain black t-shirt and a big, shiny belt buckle, sat perched in his chair. Playing songs from all four of his albums, mixing speeds, sounds, and styles, Harper lived up to his trademark experimentation. For each song, a staff member handed Harper a new guitar so Ben could get the exact sound he wanted. He played variations of songs that put the album versions to shame. From his first album, the song Welcome To The Cruel World



sparked a noticeable audience response. "Burn One Down," from his second album entitled "Fight For Your Mind," was the most recognized song by the audience. "Ground On Down," from that same album, was utterly incredible. A master of the slide guitar, Harper played as if he were having an out-of-body experience on this song. "Burn To Shine," from his latest album, is another song that sounded much better live than in the studio.

After more than a solid hour of playing, Harper left the stage but not one audience member left. The audience clearly wanted more. It so happened that Harper was not done either. With just a microphone and an acoustic guitar, Harper played a small solo acoustic set of some of his best slower songs, including "I Shall Not Walk Alone" from the "Will To Live" album. Though the Innocent Criminals, including bassist Juan Nelson, drummer Dean Butterworth, and percussionist David Leach were very complementary to his music, Ben Harper's solo set proved that he needs nothing but a guitar and a microphone to put on a great show. He again exited the stage, and again no one left.

Harper, along with the Innocent Criminals and his slide guitar, came back for two more songs. They first played an extraordinary version of "The Will To Live" and ended the concert with Jimi Hendrix's "Manic Depression," which he played arguably as well as the originator.

Response around campus is positive. Niles Lienhart '03, who had never heard Ben Harper's music before, attended the concert nonetheless. He said after the show, "This was one of the best concerts I have been to in a long time". Others I have talked to feel the same way. Brian Tagliaferro, an adament Ben Harper fan, was impressed by his on-stage performance. Though I am not a fervent concert-goer myself, I can honestly say that this is the best performance I have seen at Hamilton.

Like Guster?
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Movie Review
By Darcy Lewis

Scream 3

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Jenny in Scream 3

The first *Scream* installment may have been a clever skewering of the slasher genre, but the knife has grown a little dull over the second and third chapters. The third chapter of this trilogy looks stagnant in comparison to the first, and I never really liked the second one at all. This film-the last, according to director and all around horror meister Wes Craven actually makes a step up from the second one. It even begins to make fun of itself, and that is the one redeeming virtue of this film. It doesn't even pretend to take itself seriously.

Writer Kevin Williamson, who penned the first two, handed the last installment to Ehren Kruger (what an appropriate last name for a horror writer), who manages to keep the script moving and the quite wit alive. The movie twists the gag of art imitating life, and asks is it real or a movie? And challenges the characters to find out. As in *Scream 2*, the new story involves a movie within a movie. This time the movie within the movie is called *Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro*, named after the town where it all began. The title is obviously poking fun at the hundreds of horror sequels featuring the word "return." The inner movie is based on the original events that first terrorized that small town.

This new movie manages to reunite the remaining survivors for one more romp with the scary maniac in the *Scream* mask. Gale Weathers (Courtney Cox Arquette) smooth talks her way onto the set, being the intrepid reporter that she is, when she finds out that one of the cast members from the new movie has been murdered. She meets up with Dewey (David Arquette) on the set, where he has relinquished his small town police life for the glamour of Hollywood as a technical advisor for the movie.

In a short time it becomes apparent that the murderer is killing off the cast of the movie in the exact order they are dying in the movie, with some newly penned twists from the maniac. One thing is clear though, the killer is looking for Sydney Prescott (Neve Campbell), who has gone into hiding, and the knife-wielder is going to find her.

The movie is not especially suspenseful, but it still manages some pretty good jumps and more than a few surprises. A great cast, including Parker Posey (*Dazed and Confused*), who is absolutely hilarious as a wannabe Gale, Scott Foley (*Felicity*), Lance Hendriksen (*Aliens*), Jenny McCarthy(*Playboy*), and many more. There are some really great scenes, including a pretty creepy jaunt through the exact set replica of Sydney's house in Woodsboro. The movie takes some good stabs at the film industry, too, and as always keeps the audience thinking. You won't know the killer until the end. Even the cast reportedly didn't know who the killer was. The ending is more than a little disappointing, because of course we are expecting a brilliant master stroke, which never comes. Overall the movie is fairly entertaining, with some scenes to laugh at and some scenes to scream (sort of) at.

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Parker Posey and Courtney Cox-Arquette compete for most annoying in Scream 3

Men's Swimming dominates UCAA rival R.P.I.

By Andy Horner '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's swimming is clicking as they come down the home stretch, and that is just the way they hoped it would be.

After a winter break that entailed a trip to Florida for a regimen of intensive training, the men have rebounded from a tight setback at Middlebury early in January to take a close victory over rival Amherst, a blowout victory over archrival Union, and another easy win over an overmatched RPI team.

Led by team captains DJ Postles '00, Liam Smith '00, and Mike O'Gurick '00, the team has been steadily improving and coming together. Therein, says Smith, lies a major reason for the team's recent success, "The team is really coming together and acting as a unit..." Their success was most evident in a hard-fought win against Amherst on Jan. 22, in which they picked up the victory by means of a superb performance in the final 400-meter relay.

The Men's team has one of the most dominating 400-meter relay teams in the country, boasting the powerful foursome of Anthony Loeffler '01, Paul O'Donnell '01, Postles, and the 200-yard freestyle specialist Dan Bordoni '01. Guided by Coach Dave Thompson, these four have dominated opponents all season, as they did against an Amherst team that Thompson called, "The toughest team on our schedule."

Also swimming victorious events in what was an awesome display of depth were Andy Schultz '02 in the 1000-meter free style, and David Cecere '02 in the 200-meter individual medley. Freshman Joe Sipos also swam very well for Hamilton. The resulting win was very important emotionally for the team, prompting Smith to comment, "The Amherst win was a real confidence boost, and showed that we are a force to be reckoned with in any conference."

The next meet at Union was not as competitive, as the Hamilton swimmers dominated from the outset. Hamilton swimmers finished first and second, and first, second and third in the first two meets respectively. Although the final score was 140-93, it was never that close while Hamilton swam officially. In a traditional gesture of sportsmanship, Hamilton swam the final three events unofficially, in order not to run the score through the roof. One very notable performance in this meet was that of diver Rob Renegar '01, who won both one and three meter diving meets.

Once again last week, the swim team turned in a dominating performance against a team that was simply unable to compete with the Hamilton men. The final score against RPI was 131-100; however for the second week in a row Hamilton swam the last few meets unofficially. Thompson expressed some concern over the apparent lack of competition, "Some teams seem like they are overly intimidated...so we are looking to pick up more quality NESCAC opponents, like Williams, who are interested in participating in a meet against us next year." Postles, however, saw the advantages of having an easier meet before the upcoming championships, "...we were able to change the regular lineup and see everyone's abilities in other events."

Now the team turns its attention in full to the upcoming UNYSCSA Championship, which begins on February 23 here at Hamilton. The team has been working on perfecting all aspects of their events. Postles described the work that the team is doing, saying, "...we're working on race strategies, working on our starts, turns, finishes, and relay starts." He stressed that this is vital to the team's success because "the small things in our races...will separate us from the other (teams)."

Thompson stressed the importance of swimming well against all the teams, but especially "Hartwick, (which is) a very good team, and our focus is on them." Given their recent success, Smith remains confident that Hamilton can repeat as state champs, "If we can swim as well and be as intense and focused as we need to be, we should be able to repeat as state champions."

Ferretti leads Men's Hoops

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but could not get off a quality shot. The loss proved very disappointing as Hamilton split their second consecutive weekend double header against NESCAC opponents. Junior Jim McCarthy said, " The Tufts loss was costly. We know that we can't afford to lose NESCAC games at home. Now we face a difficult task travelling this weekend to play at Trinity and at Amherst."

These two programs are traditionally strong opponents who seem to increase their level of play when facing Hamilton.

Trinity College defeated Hamilton twice last year. One loss came in a thrilling game here in Clinton and the other defeat, in the NCAA tournament round of 16, ended the Continentals' season.

Hamilton is at an interesting juncture in their season. It would be easy for the Continentals to relax and prepare solely for the UCAA tournament.

This Hamilton team, however, has a lot left to prove to themselves and to powerful teams like Amherst, Trinity and Connecticut College who are perhaps skeptical of Hamilton's impressive record. These teams will test not only Hamilton's talent, but also the Continentals' post-season potential. With five games remaining March Madness is right around the corner.

After this week's three game road swing against Amherst, Trinity and Skidmore, Hamilton plays host to Connecticut College and Wesleyan in the season's final two games. A strong finish would really cap-off an incredible season and create an exciting atmosphere for the UCAA tournament.

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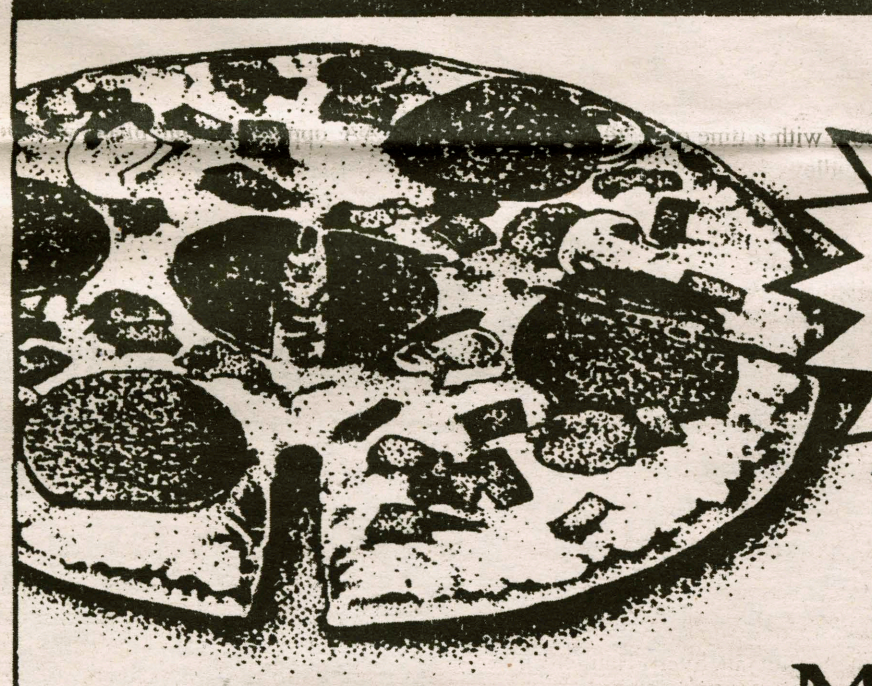

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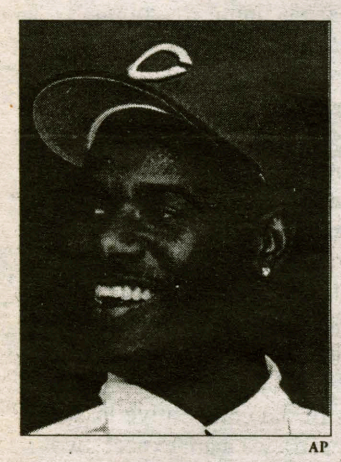
Griffey traded to Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) - Junior has come home.

Following three months of often deadlocked trade talks, the Cincinnati Reds reunited Ken Griffey Jr. with his father and his hometown Thursday by sending four players to the Seattle Mariners.

The final piece of the deal came when Griffey agreed to a nine-year contract worth $116.5 million, the richest package in baseball history. The pact covers from 2000-08, and the Reds even have an option for a 10th season.

"The last time I put on this uniform, I think I was 8 - for a father-son game," Griffey said, pulling on a Reds jersey at a news conference.



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Jr. Griffey is all smiles.

"This is something I dreamed about as a little kid, being back in my hometown where I watched so many great players," he said.

Griffey was picked up in Florida by a private plane belonging to owner Carl Lindner, and flown to Cincinnati, where about 200 people greeted him at the airport. Earlier, euphoric fans honked horns on the streets, put up "Welcome Home" signs in their yards and reveled in the team's most celebrated trade since Pete Rose returned as player-manager in 1984.

"His name comes up like Pete Rose's name as far as Cincinnati," said coach Ron Oester, a native who played for the Reds. "That's the magnitude he's at for Cincinnati fans."

And for all of baseball, too.

Widely regarded as the best all-around player in the game, the 30-year-old Griffey is considered a threat to break Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755. Junior already has hit 398 with his sweet, left-handed swing, and was voted onto baseball's All-Century team last fall.

Perhaps never before has such a great player been traded in his prime. Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby and Frank Robinson are others that come to mind.

Cincinnati is the only place the 10-time All-Star center fielder wanted to play. And when spring training begins later this month, his trademark backward hat will have a "C" on it.

"I didn't want to move around," he said. "I wanted to be able to stay put."

Pitcher Brett Tomko and outfielder Mike Cameron were sent to Seattle for Griffey, along with a pair of minor leaguers: infielder Antonio Perez and right-hander Jake Meyer.

"It's like being traded for Jordan or something," Tomko said.

Indeed, Griffey could be his sport's Michael Jordan. No wonder the Mariners were so reluctant to lose him.

"We hope that Ken decides to go into the Hall of Fame as a Mariner," Seattle president Chuck Armstrong said. "We might not have baseball here except for Ken, and we might not have Safeco Field."

The Mariners, though, had little hope of keeping him after this season. He was eligible for free agency, and said he wanted to be closer to his home in Florida.

He eventually limited his list of eligible teams to one - Cincinnati, where he grew playing in the clubhouse during the days when his father, Ken Sr., was part of the Big Red Machine.

Ken Sr. is now the Reds' bench coach and a candidate to eventually succeed manager Jack McKeon, who has a one-year contract. The son put in a plug for the father.

"He's been around baseball for 20-plus years. He knows what it takes to be a manager. I hope he gets the chance," he said.

Griffey turned down an eight-year, $148 million contract extension last summer with the Mariners, and trade talks with the Reds heated up during the winter meetings in December. Along the way, Griffey blocked a trade to the New York Mets.

As recently as Tuesday, it appeared the Seattle-Cincinnati deal had bogged down over the Reds' financial concerns - they didn't think they could afford him beyond 2000, the last year on his contract.

Assured that Griffey would accept less to play in his hometown, the Reds went ahead and completed the five-player trade on Wednesday night, then asked the commissioner's office for a 72-hour window to negotiate a long-term deal with Griffey.

A contract that includes a lot of deferred payments was agreed upon Thursday afternoon, according to a source speaking on condition he not be identified.

The trade involved only Cincinnati and the Mariners, and was the first big move by Carl Lindner since buying the Reds from Marge Schott last fall. There had been speculation a three-way deal including Anaheim was in the works.

Reds fans immediately began daydreaming of Griffey playing center field at Cinergy Field, and even a new ballpark in the new future. No telling if he'll continue to wear No. 24 - it belonged to Tony Perez, elected last month to the Hall of Fame.

Griffey is a lifetime .299 hitter with 1,152 RBIs in 11 seasons, all in Seattle. He has won 10 straight Gold Gloves.

Track and Field competes in Colgate Invitational

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Challenged with Division I competition last weekend, the women's indoor track and field team finished fourth last weekend at the Colgate Invitational. Lehigh University finished first, followed by Colgate, the University of Buffalo, Hamilton, Marist College, and RPI.

As Annie Toth '02 remarked, "Today at Colgate we were challenged by some great Division I competition, but we really rose to the occasion. The mood was set at the beginning of the meet when Maggie [Hanson '02] blew away the field in the 5000m [run] and automatically qualified for Nationals in the process" with a time of 17:24.4, that also broke the Hamilton record. In the one mile run Annie Toth '02 finished third with a time of 5:19.8.

In the women's 1000m run Jen Cammarano '03 finished third with a time of 3:06.39, and in the 3000m run Lesley Vars '00 finished fifth with a time of 12:04.44. In the 800m run Amanda Chase '03 finished sixth with a time of 2:27.98, while Tricia Kowalski '03 finished eighth in the 500m run with a time of 1:25.12. In the 400m run Christina Freyre '02 and Andrea Stroud '03 finished sixth and eighth, respectively, with times of 1:04.38 and 1:05.87. In the 55m dash Roxanne Hoek '03 finished sixth with a time of 7.85 seconds; in the 200m dash she finished eighth with a time of 28.31 seconds, while Emily Scursso '02 finished sixth with a time of 27.99 seconds.

In the relays Hamilton finished fifth in the 4x400m with a time of 4:29.39; in the distance medley relay the team finished third with a time of 13:03.59. Lynne Myrth '01 said about the meet, "The Colgate Invitational was a great opportunity for us to get good times, throws, and jumps. Despite some illnesses on the team, everyone did an excellent job. We competed against some teams that we don't usually see in NY State meets and the Division I competition level was key for many of our girls' personal successes."

In the long jump Emily Scursso '02 finished seventh with a jump of 4.46m, while she finished third in the triple jump with a jump of 10.7m, which is a new Hamilton record and a personal best; Kelly Aiken '02 finished eighth with a jump of 9.03m. In the shot put, Sherri Hamlette '01 and Courtney Robbins '03 finished fifth and seventh with distances of 9.96 and 9.38m, while they finished fourth and eighth in the weight throw with throws of 13.16m and 8.59m. In the high jump Kate Clark '02 finished fifth with a height of 1.47m.

About this Sunday's upcoming UCAA Championships at home Myrth said, "I am really looking forward to UCAAs, which are definitely within our reach to win. Our excellent group of girls, although young, is incredibly talented, and with support, hard work and great spirit, we will be ready to compete against the best of NY State." With the team's success this season, it has a very good chance of finishing first this weekend.

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The men's indoor track and field team finished fifth last weekend at the Colgate Invitational against some tough Division I competition. Lehigh University finished first followed by the University of Buffalo, Colgate University, RPI, Hamilton, and Marist College. The highlight of the meet was the distance medley relay team's performance. As Co-captain Josh Cooper '00 said, "The distance medley relay [team] ran a great come-from-behind race to win by three hundredths of a second. Scott Taylor '01 ran with such determination to bring them from second to last when he got the baton to winning the race. It was strong determination on the part of all four runners that all athletes should strive for that won them the race."

In the 4x400m relay, Hamilton finished fifth with a time of 3:44.3. The other first place finisher was Taylor in the one mile run, whose winning time was 4:21.73; Nate Arnold '03 finished twelfth with a time of 4:40.61. In the 3000m run Mac Weiss '02, Steve Guditus '01, and John Damaske '02 finished sixth, tenth, and thirteenth with times of 9:13.55, 9:34.16, and 9:37.45, respectively. Weiss commented, "Some people on our team were sick or getting over illness. Scott Taylor and a few others ran well, but many people simply had off days. We (myself included) weren't injured; we just did not perform well."

In the field events Cooper finished eighth in the high jump with a height of 1.73m; he also finished second in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.22 seconds. In the pole vault Andy Inglis '03 finished eighth with a height of 3.05m, while in the long jump Petrivelli finished twelfth with a jump of 4.97m. In the weight throw Co-captain Jeff Needham '00 finished fifth with a throw of 14.06m.

The team has another challenging meet on Sunday at home in the UCAA Championships. Weiss said about the upcoming meet, "Next week we should run fast times against our UCAA opponents, but place will be more important." The team will be facing schools such as RPI, Union, and Hartwick College.

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Hamilton's JV Squad is lead by Tyler Sliney, Fred Shear, Tim Berbenich, Jon Marmolejos and Chris Tolles.

Managing Editor Peter Ringel will be in uniform for the Junior Varsity squad. It promises to be an incredible event and coaches Stan Evans and Randie Torgalski look to guide the Continentals to victory.

Squash looks to win at National Tournament

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

Due to the loss of seniors to graduation and other members to study abroad programs, this is a building year for the men's and women's squash teams.

The women's team is meeting that challenge, building a 9-5 record in their second half of the season. The men, however, have lost some tough matches, resulting in a disappointing 2-6 record. Before this past weekend, the women posted wins over St. Lawrence, Vassar, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Wesleyan, Tufts, and Connecticut College. Their only losses came at the racquets of St. Lawrence, Colby, Middlebury and number one ranked Yale. The men trounced St. Lawrence in both meetings, but dropped matches to Rochester, Vassar, Colgate, Yale, Colby, and Connecticut College.

At the number one and two spots, Sayako Shibasaki '00 and Eileen Wildman '01 lead the Womens squad, followed by Tracy Nichols '03, Emily Fitzgerald '00, and Azure Davey '00. Christa Sinclair '00 and Sarah Quinlan '01 round out the top seven.

The Lady Continentals traveled to Massachusetts this past weekend to participate in the Smith/Mt. Holyoke Round Robin, ending 3-1 for the weekend. The team overpowered Smith, Mt. Holyoke, and Wesleyan, but succumbed to a strong Middlebury team. Top performers included Sayako Shibazaki '00 and Sarah Taylor '03, who were both undefeated for the weekend.

Azure Davey commented, "The women's team is doing really well so far, and we seem to be very consistent. With the Howe Cup in only a couple of weeks, I think we look good." Injured Amanda "Checkers" Chaimovitch '00 states, "We looked good out there this past weekend, winning a moral victory over the sock girls from Smith." These victories place Hamilton women's squash in the number eighteen national ranking for the week.

The team looks forward to Nationals at Yale on February 18. They play at William Smith Wednesday, and at home Sunday versus number twenty-nine ranked Bowdoin at 1 PM.

The men's team is solid through the ranks with John Rhoads '00 at the top of the lineup. Following closely behind are Phil Budihardjo '00, Peter Safer '02, David Beslow '00, and Mike Van Linda '00. Sophomores Sam Terko and Phil Cameron fill out the bottom of the ladder. Coach Bill Austin commented, "Our record does not reflect the talent and potential of this team. We have lost some close matches, and are out to revenge our 5-4 losses to both Colgate and Connecticut College at Nationals in two and a half weeks." The team competes at Hobart on Wednesday and home against Bowdoin on Sunday at 11 AM.

Atherton ends Middlebury's twelve game shutout streak

By Azure Davey '00
SPORTS WRITER

The women's ice hockey team faced a tough schedule this past week and handled the pressures of facing top league teams exceptionally well.

On Saturday, the Lady Continentals faced a tough Vermont team who was 8-1-3 going into the game. Hamilton skated well and maintained a tough defense that Vermont infiltrated early in the second period. Vermont scored again with approximately seven minutes left in the third period to end the game at 2-0.

Captain Alexa Slaunwhite '00 stated, "We held them until the second or third period, and even then, their goals were unlucky for us." First year Jen Kroleski, who has been a consistent force in the net, had 28 saves in the game.

Despite the outstanding performance against Vermont, the highlight of the week came on Sunday when Hamilton junior forward Jenne Atherton scored on assist from freshmen Nathanna Allen and Paula Dady against an unbeaten Middlebury team. Atherton broke Middlebury's twelve game shutout streak in the second period to bring the score to 2-1, Middlebury.

Going into the locker room between periods, Slaunwhite commented, "We had the confidence that we could win the game. It was an amazing feeling." The senior captain also added, "Middlebury has been beating their opponents by six or seven points, and we took away their shutout streak. We are really starting to click."

Clicking certainly seems to be the case, as the women prepare for their last four scheduled games of the season. Their defense is incredible and with two veteran forwards, Atherton and junior Kathleen Lubin, the offense is doing exceptionally well too. The trick, Alexa, a defender, said, is to make sure "not to let it [the puck] into our zone as much."

The trick is paying off as the women seem much more cohesive and confident in their positions.

Slaunwhite concluded, "We created team goals for the rest of the season and, most importantly, we want to have fun. Things are working out well. These losses [UVM and Middlebury] were hard-fought and we looked good."

Regardless of the competitive losses this past weekend, we can expect two excellent home games this Saturday and Sunday.

Hamilton will host its final games of the season against Sacred Heart on Saturday and Connecticut College on Sunday.

Beat the Experts

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NY Knicks at Toronto 2/15	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks
San Antonio at Cleveland 2/15	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs
LA Lakers at Chicago 2/15	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Detroit at Houston 2/15	Pistons	Rockets	Rockets	Rockets
Portland at Golden St. 2/15	Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Trailblazers
Milwaukee at Dallas 2/15	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks
NHL				
Buffalo at Philadelphia 2/12	Sabres	Sabres	Sabres	Flyers
Florida at Boston 2/12	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Panthers
Chicago at Atlanta 2/12	Blackhawks	Thrashers	Blackhawks	Blackhawks
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Pittsburgh at NY Islanders 2/12	Penguins	Penguins	Islanders	Penguins
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East vs. West 2/13	West	West	West	West

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Tough Roadtrip for Women's Hoops

By Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Continentals had another rough weekend on the road, losing two straight to tough NESCAC teams, Bates and Tufts.

Hamilton kept the score close in the first ten minutes of Friday night's match-up against Bates. The Continentals took the lead early, outscoring Bates 19-17. Bates battled back, and went on a 24-8 run in the first half. Bates decided to put the game away early in the second half, outscoring Hamilton 21-5 in the first six minutes of play.

The Continentals were unable to bounce back from this lead, and trailed Bates the rest of the game. Bates junior Kate McLaughlin led scorers with 25 points.

Hamilton was lead by sophomore Jenny Russell's 15 points. Lara Baron '03 added 12 points, and co-captain Abby McDermott '01 chipped in 7 rebounds and 8 points for the 85-58 loss. This game marked Bates' coach Jim Murphy's 100th win. Coach Julie Diehl commented that Bates was very quick and "played a very physical game, which we sometimes do not respond well to."

On Saturday, the women's hoops team looked to fare better against a more evenly matched Tufts team. However, the Lady Jumbos got an early lead, outscoring Hamilton 18-6 in the first six minutes of the game. In the first half alone, Hamilton shot 29% from the floor and turned over the ball 16 times. Although the Continentals were within 14 points at halftime, this was as close to Tufts as they would get.

Hamilton's defense was unable to stop Tufts' top freshman Emily Goodman, who had 22 points and 9 rebounds for the 77-61 win. Tufts co-captain Molly Baker added 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Jenny Russell '02 put on yet another spectacular performance, leading the team with 25 points and 4 assists. Russell also shot 13-14 from the free throw line. Co-captain Sabrina Valenta '00 added 13 points and Avery Anderson '03 led the team with 8 rebounds.

On Tuesday night, the Lady Continentals faced UCAA powerhouse William Smith in a rematch of last week's 69-50 loss. The Continentals came out to an early lead in the first half and were only down 6 at the half, but they were unable to keep the score close in the second half.

William Smith's tough defense kept Hamilton's leading scorer Jenny Russell to only 7 points. Valenta stepped up, scoring 13 points from the post. Valenta leads both the NESCAC and UCAA leagues in blocked shots. Lindsey Schantz '03 added 7 points for the 72-52 loss.

Diehl attributes the latest losses to new injuries, such as sophomore Karen Pogonowski's severely sprained ankle, which kept her out of the past three games.

Co-captain Abby McDermott '01, still battling back from a recent illness, has been the mental leader for the team, but is much needed under the boards for points and rebounds. Teams are able to stop Hamilton by stopping Russell, and for the Continentals to win, more players must step up to the challenge.

Diehl comments that this year's squad, much like last year's, is young and inconsistent. Amanda Siepiola '02, adds that "Almost every player has been given the opportunity to start, but because of the different illnesses and injuries, we haven't found the right combination of players."

The next three games will not be any easier for the Continentals, who have already faced a very tough schedule. Amherst, who they will play at home on Friday, is a perennially strong NESCAC team, especially strong in the posts. Hamilton will look to its young guards to continue shooting well from the perimeter, and for its posts to step up on defense and look for more rebounds.

On Saturday, they face Trinity, who recently added a Division I transfer point guard to their roster. The Lady Continentals will look to improve their record in their last two home games of the season.

From Tiger Woods to T.J. Conti

With pitchers and catchers due to report this week and next to spring training, hope once again springs eternal for the beleaguered Red Sox and Cubs fans among us. Could this be the year? Can the Sox avenge the beating the Yankees handed to them last fall? Will Don Baylor turn the Cubbies into champs? Probably not, but best wishes to all, there's always next year...Anyhow, as usual, here are some thoughts on the sporting world this week:

MATT GLASSMAN

Riding the Pine

Eye of the Tiger - Tiger Woods won his 6th straight PGA tour event last Monday, the Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and he did it in amazing fashion. Down 7 strokes with 7 holes to play, Woods came roaring back by playing the last four holes eagle-birdie-par-birdie to finish two stroke ahead of Matt Gogel, a PGA rookie who looked like a lock for his first tour victory until Woods unleashed his comeback.

In addition to this being his 6th victory in a row (second best all-time behind only Byron Nelson almost untouchable 11 straight victories in 1945), the win gives Woods his 19th career tour victory, placing him 3rd among active players. And he's only 24 years old. After Woods won the 1997 Masters, the sports press put tremendous pressure on him and too quickly labeled him as the new messiah of golf.

At 21, the press was prematurely handing him the kingship for the next two decades. Although he managed to be among the money leaders and almost always finish in the top 10 for the next year and a half, the press quickly turned on him, charging that Woods was somehow a "bust", because he wasn't winning tournaments.

Well, you can put that for rest. Tiger Woods is the greatest gold sensation in 35 years, and now has all the credentials to make that statement (finally) reasonable. Look for him to keep winning, and to take the majors by storm this season.

The field of 65? - It looks like next year's NCAA tournament is going to have 65 teams instead of 64. The breakup of the WAC conference, which is not receiving an automatic bid this year, but will next year, is the source of the problem.

The NCAA currently has 30 automatic bids and 34 at-large bids, the vast majority of which are handed out to the top 6 conferences. When the WAC regains its automatic bid next year, making for 31 automatics, the NCAA is going to keep the 34 at-large bids, resulting in a 65 team field.

Why, you ask, do they not just reduce the number of at-large bids? Because it hurts major conferences, and that's where all the money and power resides in the NCAA. So instead of having to leave out a 4th or 5th place finisher in the Big East or ACC, the NCAA is instead going to have the two lowest seeds (64 and 65) play off on Tuesday before the tournament, with the winner meeting a rested #1 seed when play officially begins on Thursday. Great. Handicap the Patriot League or Ivy League champ more than usual, that's what we need to do.

Can anyone remember when the field was slightly less than 64 teams back in the mid-80's and the top seeds got byes into the second round, basically assuring them an easy game against a tired team? This is more of the same, only this is induced by financial greed. Give it up, NCAA, I love the tournament the way it is. Let's give the bottom seed a fair fight, and the lesser conferences a fighting chance.

Conti-nental effort - Last week I was sitting at the men's basketball game, and got in a discussion of why no one bothers to show up and cheer on our Continentals.

We didn't understand it then, and I still don't understand it now. If you are any kind of basketball fan, these games are great. You have no reason not to show up: admission is free, the team is on top of the rankings, and the fast paced, pressing style that coach Murphy has them playing is exciting to watch.

It's worth coming out just to watch junior guard T.J. Conti play individual defense. On a team full of hardworking defenders, Conti still stands out, displaying continuous tenacity and unrelenting effort. We picked a series of trips down the court to watch him last week, and he made a steal, forced a turnover, and dove for the ball twice, all without committing a foul. His play has already inspired one nickname, "the lord of defense", and others are sure to follow. Loaded with talent and playing well, the Continentals only have a few homes games left before post-season play. They deserve your support.

Give me a break - Randy Moss, MVP at the Pro Bowl, "You know, I don't really care about individual awards, but they are nice when they come." This from the same "team player" who squirted an official with a water bottle after a call didn't go his way, resulting in a penalty for the Vikings. Randy, just grow up, and until you do, stop trying to fool us with the goody-goody image.

Final Words - I'm having trouble deciding which is dumber: the post season NFL Pro-Bowl, which no one watches and doesn't even allow the defense to blitz, or the NHL All-Star Game, which pits North American All-Stars vs. the rest of the world...I don't know why, but it irks me that we can't get the America's Cup back. Perhaps it's time we start government funding of our entries too, like the rest of the world...

Men's Hockey looks for post season action

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added two assists in last weekend's contests. For his outstanding effort, Gordon was named NESCAC Rookie of the Week. Grady has nothing but good things to say about the talented freshman: "He makes plays that just aren't usually seen at this level," referring to Gordon's uncanny ability to hold on to the puck and make plays at high speeds.

Even more impressive is that Gordon is doing all this while wearing two knee braces. After coming off surgery for a torn ACL, Gordon injured his other knee early in the season, though he seems to be showing no signs of it now.

Also earning accolades from coach is freshman defenseman Steve Aubuchon. Aubuchon has been one of the Continentals' top four defenseman all year long and always seems to find a way to get himself on the score sheet - Grady calls Aubuchon "fun to watch", though Grady is worried that he might get some "gray hairs" because of Aubuchon's risky style of play.

Junior forward Vic Cizmarik was named to the NESCAC honor roll after another solid weekend. Cizmarik added to his team-leading total with two goals and four helpers, giving him 27 points on the season. Cizmarik has been steady game in and game out this season, and he appears to be taking his talented game to another level.

The Continentals have a great test this weekend, facing the nation's number five-ranked team in RIT. The Tigers are a very tough team to beat, but Hamilton is hot and is as good as a team as any.

This game is not only special because of the competition, but it is also the last home game for the eight seniors on the team. Grady says this senior class is one of the most talented he has ever had. Senior co-captains Chris Baudo and Brian Grady are two of "the hardest-working players" Grady has ever had. In senior Mike Phalen, Hamilton is losing grit and heart, "the epitome of Hamilton hockey."

Hamilton will also be saying goodbye to goaltenders Brent Davey and Scott Grenier, who are responsible for several Hamilton records, including four straight playoff appearances. Also difficult to replace are defensemen Marc Warcup, Bryant Rowean and Terry Bevan, all of whom are key components to the Continental defense.

Winning both games this weekend is essential for the Continentals, who are looking to grab a home-ice playoff game in the hotly contested NESCAC division. Only two wins separates sixth place Hamilton from first place Middlebury.

The top seven teams in the NESCAC earn a playoff birth, with the first place team hosting the final four. Second through fourth places earn one home playoff contest. With only one victory distancing the Continentals from fourth, the next two weekends are of the greatest consequence for the squad.

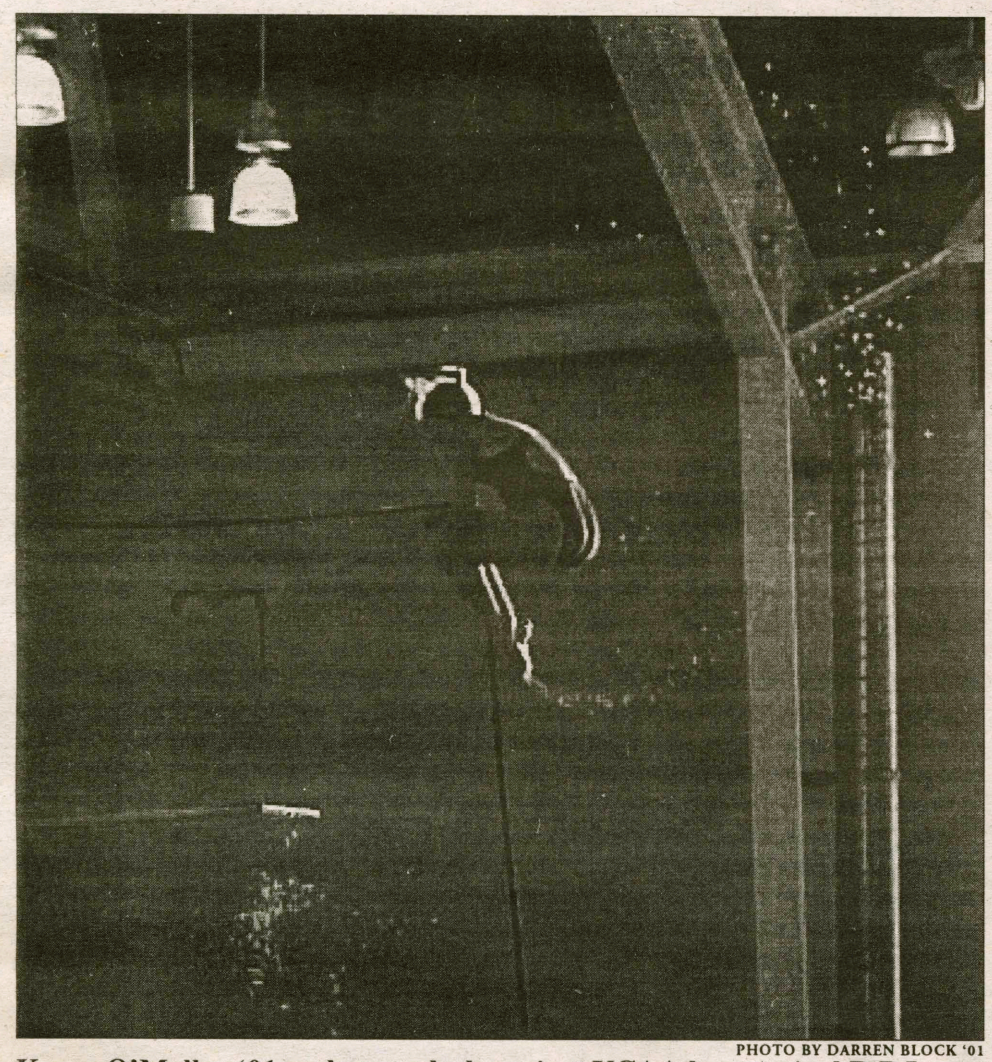

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Korey O'Malley '01 makes a splash against UCAA league rival R.P.I.

Women Swimmers look to make waves at Nationals

By Chris Preston '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Going into last weekend's home meet against RPI—the last dual meet of the season for the women's swimming team—Coach Dave Thompson knew the competition his Continentals were up against was fairly weak. RPI is not known as a New York State League powerhouse, so a victory here was probable, if not a certainty. However, Thompson wanted his team to stay focused on two key goals: improving their race strategy and swimming with confidence.

Yes, the Continentals got the easy victory over RPI. Led by the dominant Cady Kashner '03, who extended her incredible winning streak in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives, and senior Meghan Steed's career-best times in both the 100 meter individual medley relay and the 200 individual medley, the women's swimming team finished the regular season with a sparkling 7-1 record in dual meets. But, perhaps more importantly, the Continentals proved that they are a confident team that can compete with the same intensity against lesser competition as they have been all season long. "We were definitely racing well," Thompson said. "We were very confident and very focused on competing hard without much of a challenge."

Putting every ounce of energy into a dual meet that they could just as easily coast through illustrates the extreme focus of these Continentals. Now they are being rewarded with the one thing they needed most—rest. With nearly two weeks in between the dual meet against RPI and the state championships (Feb. 16-19, at RPI), Thompson has begun what he calls "tapering" in practice to ensure that his team doesn't burn out before they even get to states. Practices are now being concentrated on "race skills and race strategies, fine tuning our starts and turns," Thompson explained.

Fatigue is a major factor in almost any sport. Months of practicing for at least two hours a day and competing under pressure weekly is both physically and mentally draining. As a season enters its final days, athletes have to dig deep to find the physical strength to push their bodies that extra inch and the mental fortitude to keep a positive attitude while maintaining focused on the task at hand. With last weekend's meet against RPI as evidence, it appears the women's swimming team has the ability to do both. "Our attitude is very good," Thompson claimed. "We're a little tired, but there is a positive atmosphere here and everyone is very excited."

Men's Hoops #1 in UCAA

By Art McCann '00
SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team is deep into its season, and at the heart of its tough schedule. The team that began the season 8-0 is now 15-3 and has clinched the number one seed and home court advantage in the UCAA tournament.

The winner of the UCAA tournament will receive an automatic NCAA birth. Hamilton's goal is to make the NCAA tournament, but recent play against tough NESCAC opponents has fans questioning Hamilton's ability to succeed in the post-season. These NESCAC games are important because Hamilton wants to win enough games for consideration as a possible "at large bid" by the NCAA tournament selection committee. This would prevent Hamilton's national tournament hopes from crumbling at the hands of one of their upset-minded UCAA opponents.

On Tuesday night, the Continentals defeated one of their potential UCAA tournament upset threats, Hobart College, 84-78. Hobart's star player, Rob Pisanelli, is the UCAA's leading scorer, averaging over 23 points per game. Brendan Ferretti and Mike Harrison, Hamilton's two best man-to-man defenders, prevented Pisanelli from carrying Hobart to victory.

Junior Jim McCarthy's 22 points, including six three pointers, and junior Kris Fudge's 19 points led Hamilton offensively. Fudge also grabbed 11 rebounds for his third consecutive double-double. At point guard, Pat Casey relieved Jimmy Driggs for most of the second half. Casey's steady play gives Coach Murphy many options in the back court as he can play alongside Driggs or with McCarthy.

The win over Hobart further proves that Hamilton deserves the UCAA's automatic NCAA bid. However, the win also increases the pressure on the Hamilton team as it goes into the conference tournament. Hamilton's NESCAC conference play serves as a separate measuring stick within the Continentals' long season. So far, Hamilton stands at 3-3 against the bigger, stronger, and faster NESCAC schools.

Last Friday, Hamilton defeated a scrappy Bates College team 96-88. The front court trio of Kris Fudge '01, Ferretti and Joe Finley '03, led Hamilton in the victory. Fudge scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, while Ferretti scored a game-high 20 points. Continuing his strong play, Finley recorded 10 points and 10 rebounds. For his efforts, the freshman was named UCAA Rookie of the Week.

Finley, who has contributed significantly in his first year, said, "Coming in I was prepared to play on the J.V. or at the most see limited time on the varsity. I feel lucky for the opportunities I've been given, but now that I've seen everyone in the league I am confident that I can use my size and skills to outplay most other big-men."

Also, juniors T.J. Conti and Mike Harrison scored in double figures off the bench. Together, these two players continue to spark the Continentals with their inspiring play. Saturday's 79-77 loss to Tufts was tough for Hamilton fans to watch. The Continentals dominated the first half, shooting over fifty percent from the floor and seventy percent from behind the three-point arc. Brendan Ferretti's 21 points (8-13 from the field and 5-5 from the three-point line) led Hamilton's scoring and was the high for the game. After shooting well in the first half, the Continentals only held a six-point half time lead.

Tufts stayed close throughout the second half and their bucket with 12 seconds remaining sealed the victory. Hamilton had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds

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Seniors lead Men's Hockey

By J.P. LeBlanc '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's hockey team split two games this past weekend, losing to Salem State 6-5 in overtime Friday night, then pounding Southern Maine 12-1 on Saturday afternoon.

Friday night's game against Salem State was one for the ages. Unfortunately, Hamilton was at the losing end of a great game. With eight seconds left in overtime, Salem's David Cooper skated the length of the ice to beat Hamilton goalie Dave Scamurra for the goal with no time left on the clock.

According to Coach Grady, "The team didn't play well enough to win, but didn't play bad enough to lose either." Hamilton entered the third period with a three-goal lead, thanks to a stellar power play that produced four goals, three of which occurred within a minute of each other in the second period.

Salem State responded with three goals of their own halfway through the last period. Scamurra made several outstanding saves in the third, giving Hamilton a chance to win the game in overtime.

However, Grady sensed the game's outcome long before the team even laced up their skates for Friday night's game. "For the first time since the first week of November we had a bad week of practice," said Grady. He called the team "distracted" and stated that "they weren't focused" throughout the week. Grady was a little nervous for Saturday's game with Southern Maine. The team needed to come ready to play, and Grady did not want another close game, especially against a team Hamilton was expected to beat.

"The team needed to feel good about the way they played," said Grady. Well, the Continentals did more than that; they manhandled a hapless Southern Maine squad.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Bill Pettit '02 watches the face-off against Southern Maine.

Hamilton used a balanced scoring attack (nine players were responsible for twelve Continental goals) and hard work to create their best offensive output of the year.

Clearly, Friday night's heartbreaker did not affect Saturday's effort, a great sign for a team getting ready for the playoffs. One of the stars of the weekend was forward Rob Gordon '03, who totaled three goals and

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